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Pass Christian firefighter David Stratten spends his spare time beautifying his community.

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Community Ed. classes open

It's not too late to register for the City/County Community Education classes. You can still sign up through the end of the week by calling 467-3892.

St. Paul's meet set for Feb. 21

The St. Paul's Seafood monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 21, beginning at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are invited.

Krewe of Real People Parade

Anyone interested in putting a float in the Krewe of Real People Parade on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. should contact Wesly Labat at 467-5580 or Pat Tice at 467-9543.

St. Rose Choir hosts concert

The St. Rose Adult Gospel Choir will host a Black History Month Concert at the church at 301 Necaise on Tuesday, Feb. 20, beginning at 7 p.m.

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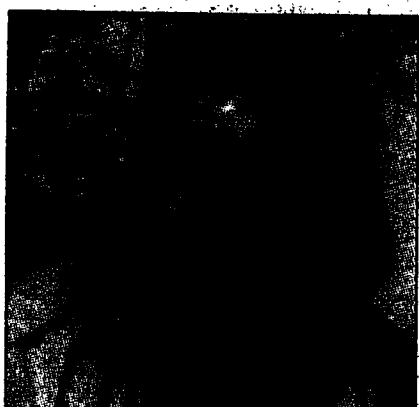
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Garcia gets life for murder



Fritz Garcia was convicted of murder Thursday.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A Rankin County Jury deliberated just two hours Thursday before finding Fritz James Garcia guilty of murder in the March 1997 stabbing death of Ruth K. Tuller.

"Garcia never denied killing the woman," Assistant D.A. Chris Schmidt said from his Hancock County office Friday. "He just said he was crazy at the time."

Schmidt, along with Assis-

tant D.A. Larry Bourgeois, prosecuted the case before Circuit Judge Jerry O. Terry.

Terry had moved Garcia's trial from Hancock County to the Rankin County Courthouse in Brandon, just east of Jackson, after he declared a mistrial in the case last December. The judge cited extensive media coverage of Garcia's brutal acts and of an incident involving lost evidence in the case as reason for moving the trial.

Although the fact that Garcia committed the crime was never in doubt, Schmidt said, jurors had to determine whether he was legally insane at the time of the murder.

If they had found him insane when he killed Tuller but now "restored to reason," Schmidt said, Garcia could have gotten away with only an impermanent stay in a state mental institution.

Now, Schmidt said, Garcia faces a mandatory life sentence

without parole at Parchman state prison.

"Now that he's been sentenced, the bills (for his incarceration) will be picked up by the state Department of Corrections," Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber said Friday. Basically, for the past four years, Hancock County has picked up all the bills for his medical care, food and everything."

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Krewzin' with the Kids



These little clowns braved chilly temperatures Saturday to throw beads and entertain crowds at the annual Krewe of Kids Mardi Gras Parade on Dunbar Ave. in Bay St. Louis.

MPT to do R&D for U.S. at \$2.9M

Port firm's 2nd
huge contract

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Mississippi Polymer Technologies, Inc., located at Hancock County's Port Bienville Industrial Park, has landed a second huge government contract.

President Dr. Robert R. Gagne' announced this week MPT has received a \$2.9 million research and development contract from the U.S. Air Force.

MPT, in competitive bidding with the U.S. National Science Foundation's Small Business Innovation Research Program, has also been awarded a \$100,000 R&D contract, which could lead to more work for its staff, he added.

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Former Hancock High student among Army personnel injured in deadly helicopter crash

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

For one Hancock County family, the crash involving two Army Black Hawk helicopters in Hawaii on Monday that killed six people and injured eleven, was more than just a far away event. One of the injured soldiers, Private 1st Class Michael Allen Welch, of the 25th

Infantry Division stationed at Schofield, Hawaii, is a former Hancock High School student and son of Diane Baldwin of Hancock County and Mario Welch of New Orleans.

"I got a call just before 5 a.m. Monday night, about midnight Honolulu time," said Baldwin on Thursday. "They said that the accident happened about 7:30 p.m. the night before ... my

son insisted that they call me as soon as he was able to ... we are a close family and he wanted me to know what happened."

"He was in surgery at Tripler Army Hospital for fourteen hours on Tuesday ... it was horrible because we couldn't be sure if the information we got on his injuries was accurate, we couldn't be sure that they were telling us everything," said

Baldwin. "But the surgeon and the surgical nurse and a Captain called me all through the day to give me progress on the operation."

Baldwin said her sons' injuries were serious. "His leg was broke so badly that the bones were laying out of the skin in the dirt," said Baldwin.

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PFC Michael Allen Welch

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Peter Claver Royalty

Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver No. 6

The Knights of Peter Claver Court and Council No. 6 held their fifth annual Mardi Gras Ball Jan. 27 at the West Harrison Civic Center in Pass Christian.

Mistress and master of ceremony, "Lady Miriam" - Miyoka Broussard of WLOX-TV, and "Knight Dartanian" - Myron Labat Sr. of St. Stanislaus College, respectively, weaved the tale "A Fairy Tale Knight" which portrayed humor and romance.

"The Wizard of Oz" opened the evening with chairmen Marilyn Smith, "Glinda the Good Witch," and Alex Verrett, the "Tin Man," giving a welcome in rhyme.

Judith Verrett, "Dorothy," and Sammy Verrett as "Toto" entered in on Michael Jackson's "Ease On Down The Road," while Anthony Barabino, the "Scare Crow," entertained the crowd with the famous dance routine from the "Wiz."

2001 "Captain Nathaniel" - Captain Nathaniel Fairconnetue, entered on his magic carpet, traveling in at a speed much faster than expected.

Little Elves, Greg Harvey Jr., son of Gregory and Lylie Harvey; Dedrick Labat, son of Myron Labat Jr. and Tracy James; Robert Harvey, son of Milas Harvey and Thyra Labat; Cedrick Walker Jr., son of Gary and Janita Cole; and Brian Barabino Jr., son of Brian and Tammy Barabino Sr., all secured his flight in and man-

aged all props throughout the evening.

Through intense pleading from Aladdin, "Genie," Co-Captain Paula Dedeaux, finally entered through a puff of smoke, a little upset at the request of still another wish.

"Cinderella and the Prince" were portrayed by outgoing King Joseph, Cedrick Hazeur, and Queen Naomi, Melanie Rabateau. The traditional tale left Cinderella, faced with the midnight hour, flashed to all by page Elexis Dorsey, daughter of Sam and Delores Dorsey.

The dance was cut short, and she was surprisingly left standing in rags, with the Prince now holding her ball gown. His search was to find the beauty who wore the dress, and you know the rest of the story.

2001 Duke and Duchess, Paula Fairconnetue and Earl Dedeaux acted out "Sleeping Beauty and the Prince." Our Princess, did not have a prick from the spinning wheel, but a taste from a spellbound bowl of gumbo, given by the Wicked Fairy Rhonda Labat.

Onlookers planted a couple of kisses, but none had the magic to awaken the Princess... not until the romantic kiss from the Prince. Awakened from her slumber, Sleeping Beauty and her Prince took their places on the throne.

The enchanting forest brought out the "Fairies," Britney Williams, daughter of Philip and Beverly Williams,

and Britney Johnson, daughter of Ackin and Tina Harrell.

They discovered a beautiful box and within it found the royal crowns which they methodically carried up and placed on pedestals.

2001 King Joseph V, better known as "King Arthur," was Russell Fairconnetue, retired from Dupont/DeLisle and a resident of Bay St. Louis.

He is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Council No. 6. Queen Naomi V, known as "Lady Guenivere," was Stella Mitchell an employee at the US Naval Battalion.

The queen entered attired in gold velvet/royal blue satin medieval dress and headpiece. She was lead in by the 4th Degree Royal Knights of Peter Claver, Sir Joseph Robert and Sir Otis Gates and entered through their arched swords to await her king.

"King Arthur" entered the area, dressed in complementary medieval costume to the queen, removed his sword from the rock, and was escorted by the Royal Knights into the ballroom to meet his Lady and Queen, Guenivere.

Outgoing King and Queen crowned the new Royalty and a toast was made by the Captain.

Following the royal promenade, the Captain invited all onlookers to join the royal court in what else... a line dance. Music for the evening was provided by "Hotline Show Band" from Lafayette.

Chamber sets cleanup for Mar. 3

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

In anticipation for the upcoming 54th annual Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage in early March, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee will sponsor a countywide cleanup Saturday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Chamber's Beautification Committee's theme for 2001 is "Litter Free Begins with Me."

As part of its "Litter Free Begins with Me" campaign, the Hancock Chamber will provide necessary supplies for clean-up volunteers throughout the county.

Groups or individuals can pre-register for the cleanup in advance by calling 467-9048, or on the morning of the cleanup beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the chamber office. Supplies for the cleanup are available at the chamber.

As an encouragement for participation, Basil Kennedy of Union Planters Bank will once again place "Litter Bucks" along Beach Boulevard. The "Litter Bucks" can be redeemed at the chamber office on Monday following the cleanup.

One of the primary areas to be cleaned will be Beach Boulevard from Bayou Caddy to the mouth of the Jourdan River.

The chamber office will be assigning sections of the beach to student groups, civic groups, family members, organizations and industries.

For information call the chamber at 467-9048.

The annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage is March 8 through March 17.

Groups from schools, churches, businesses, industries, civic organizations and individuals are all invited and encouraged to participate in the cleanup.

Betsy Ashman, chamber vice-chair of the Beautification Committee said, "While we have seen more people involved over the years in our cleanup efforts, I would like to see much more participation."

Ashman continued, "Our area is still improving in appearance, and a lot of that goes to the efforts of our concerned officials from our two cities and county."

Darlene Underwood, Extension home economist said, "We are now in the Mardi Gras season, and that means there will be parades around the area. I would also like to urge parade goers that they can help in our cleanup efforts by bagging their

trash at the parades and take it home and properly dispose of it. The help of everyone is needed for us to see our community the way we would like it to be seen by visitors to our area."

Lynn Bell, president of the Garden Isles Community Association, reports her organization will be out in force cleaning up their community March 3.

She said, "If everyone did their part by disposing of litter properly, plus reach out a little beyond themselves in collecting the litter around us, then we would make a significant impact on our community."

Bell added, "It will take a team effort of persons of all ages, and that includes our youngsters, oldsters and all ages in between to make this a reality. We all walk over, around, or whatever about the litter around us in our communities, yet very few of us take the initiative to stop and pick it up. I am hoping that on Saturday, March 3, there will be a complete effort by folks coming in and helping us rid our county of litter."

Kennedy, a longtime member of the chamber's Beautification Committee, and also a person who himself collects litter on a regular basis said, "Collecting

litter is one of the greatest things since red beans. It is great we get the youngsters out on our cleanups, because it gives them a lasting impression on the importance of keeping our community clean. In addition it sure helps when they are accompanied by a parent, as children gain knowledge by following their parents."

Gordon Crooks, president of the Ansley Herron Bay Civic Association, (formerly Ansley-Lakeshore Civic Association), reports his group will be out on March 3 to clean up their community.

Crooks said, "We will start at the end of Heron Bay Road and work the three and one-half miles to Lower Bay Road and also some of the connecting roads. We will begin at 8 a.m. and finish about noon."

Sue Duffy, coordinator for the Lazy River Road area reports that she and her group plan on participating in the March cleanup.

The chamber's beautification chairman is Ellis C. Cuevas, and the committee's next meeting is set for 10 a.m. at the chamber's office on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Any citizen concerned about beautification is encouraged to attend Tuesday's meeting.

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Public hearing set on 3 more rubbish sites

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County's Regional Solid Waste Authority has begun the official process needed to add three more rubbish sites. Two would be located south of Interstate 10, and one north of I-10.

At last Tuesday's meeting, the Authority voted to authorize consultant Bill Johnson of Compton Engineering to advertise for a 30-day comment period. Following the comment period, the Authority plans to hold a public hearing on the three proposals at 7 p.m. March 27 in the civic center on Longfellow Road.

The addition of any rubbish site requires an amendment to the county's 20-year Solid Waste Plan. The Authority has adopted a policy of charging applicants the shared cost of upgrading the plan and forwarding it to the state Department of Environmental Quality.

If eventually permitted by the state DEQ, two more rubbish sites would be added south of Interstate 10 and one more north, in the Catahoula Community.

The Class II rubbish sites are used mainly by contractors clearing lots and disposing of construction materials. Tree limbs, vegetation, building debris and other non-hazardous items can be discarded at the pits.

Joey Boudin is seeking permission to open an 80-acre rubbish site in the Bayou LaCroix Community. The site is located off U.S. Hwy. 90 on Rifle Range

Road.
• W.C. Fore Construction is seeking permission to open a 40-acre site in Bayou LaCroix, also located off Hwy. 90 and on Rifle Range Road.

• TCB Construction has proposed a 25-acre site in the Catahoula Community off Hwy. 43.

All three of the sites are within the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Following the public hearing, the state DEQ will make the final determination on permitting the sites.

In other business, Authority Administrator Stacey Myrick reported the cost of hauling and disposing of Hancock County's garbage is going up.

The county's contractor, Waste Management, Inc., officially notified the Authority beginning March 1, its rate would increase 3.4 percent,

based on the Consumer Price Index. The charge will go from \$18 to \$18.61 a ton to dispose of household garbage in the Pecan Grove Landfill. Myrick told the Echo Hancock County paid \$1,368,807 to dispose of 17,887.7 tons of garbage last year. The hike would add \$10,911.50 more to the annual total cost, she said.

The rate hike came as the Authority continues to pay bills on a "pay as you go" policy because some property owners in the rural areas of Hancock County have resisted paying the \$5-monthly charge for once-a-week garbage pickup.

Myrick reported the Authority had bills due for the month amounting to \$164,093, but expected revenue amounted to \$153,980. The Authority is short \$69,886 for the month, and Commissioners instructed Myrick to use her discretion paying vendors.

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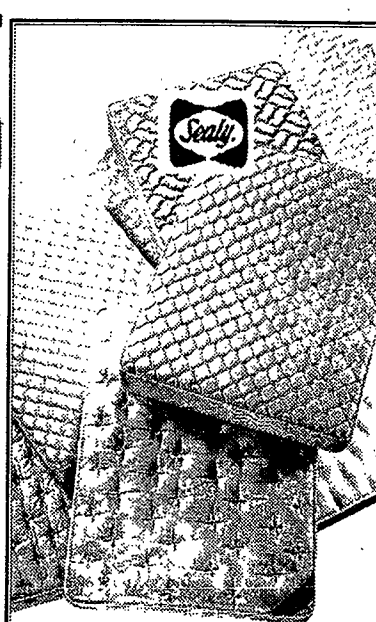
The Eighteenth Annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program sponsored by the Hancock County Branch of the NAACP will be held on Sat., Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Jan. 7 through Jan. 19. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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• Christopher John Farrell, 7/11/81, marijuana possession.
• Scott Bishop Taylor, 7/25/82, possession of marijuana, disorderly conduct.
• Fredrick Loring Bugbee III, 2/5/82, possession of marijuana.
• Michael Leverage Thompson, 3/23/75, possession of a controlled substance.
• Clyde D. Fricke Jr., 6/15/68, false pretense.
• Jimmy George, 11/20/77, probation violation, contempt of court.
• Charles Grimsley, 7/8/77, suspended license.
• Kevin Gary, 5/7/79, possession of stolen property, grand larceny auto, arson of auto.
• Elizabeth K. Martin, 2/22/79, possession of stolen property, grand larceny auto, arson of auto.
• Tina M. Burge, 2/22/57, DUI, reckless driving, contempt of court.
• Paul A. Boudreaux, 8/22/68, simple assault.
• Clayton W. Russell Jr., 9/11/58, simple assault.
• Valerie Darlene Eakins, 4/19/72, bad checks X 5, shoplifting, probation violation.
• Daniel Alley, 6/2/66, simple assault (domestic).

• Michael A. Pace, 6/30/64, suspended license.
• Mack D. Makofsky, 6/7/80, simple possession, no license, careless driving.
• Richard P. Murs, 9/29/50, suspended license.
• Carmelo Murphy Jr., 2/24/55, simple assault (domestic).
• Ronald L. Bergeron, 10/5/57, trespassing.
• Henri P. Saucier, 12/30/62, disturbance of family (domestic).
• Debra A. Saucier, 2/19/71, simple assault (domestic), disturbance of family (domestic).
• John E. Necaise, 7/17/70, simple assault (domestic).
• Robin R. Pascual, 6/29/58, simple assault.
• James Brashier, 8/8/46, simple assault.
• William H. Collins, 12/8/61, simple assault.
• Brian J. Downey, 8/9/66, grand larceny.
• Robert Avard, 3/21/80, simple assault (domestic).
• Jay Alex Kelley, 9/24/70, contempt of court.
• Tary L. Acker, 1/26/79, simple assault X 2.
• Sylvia A. Acker, 10/15/53, simple assault X 2.
• Richard A. Hemphill, 12/11/73, hold for Georgia.
• Mark D. Ottaway, 9/27/61, contempt of court X 2.
• Jamaal Terry, 2/14/79, 60 days to serve.
• Willie Nelson, 5/31/64, 60 days to serve.
• Alfred J. Selle, 9/8/76, simple assault (domestic).

ple assault (domestic).

• Charlie D. Huffman, 6/12/77, aggravated assault, assault on a minor.
• Ervin T. Domino, armed robbery.
• Mitchell Whittington, 5/14/78, disturbance of family (domestic).
• Casey Eugene Potter, 3/18/70, disorderly conduct.
• Dinalynn Inez Potter, 11/15/69, disorderly conduct.
• Richard R. Hall, 6/15/62, contempt of court.
• Kimberly Munizza, 9/5/65, DUI first.
• Rodrick J. Bolton, 4/21/79, hold for Lucedale P.D.
• Anthony Chirico, 8/27/61, burglary.
• Mike E. Hill, 6/10/82, possession of stolen property, suspended license.
• Ryan C. Calhoun, 6/5/81, public intoxication, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, contributing to a minor.
• Tony Ramirez, 7/14/63, one count bad check.
• Michael Grady, 12/27/60, public intoxication.
• Scott Scargorrough, 2/7/67, failure to check out.
• Charles E. Necaise, 7/23/65, domestic violence.
• Robert J. Mitchell, 9/24/65, DUI second, suspended license.
• Marvin Gene Cooksey, 12/20/56, DUI second.
• Julie Davidson, 7/13/63, DUI first, careless driving.
• Jason L. Hupp, 6/5/75, suspended license, no proof of insurance.
• Conrad Saucier, 5/2/53, simple assault (domestic).
• Linda Hurt (a.k.a. Linda

Butler), 1/29/53, disturbance of family.
• Susan Jean Taylor, 9/13/61, hold for Florida.
• Virginia Ann Edelman, 12/5/64, possession with intent, possession of a controlled substance.
• Donna G. Peterson, 9/1/62, shoplifting, contempt of court.
• Jason Anthony Delle, 6/27/80, burglary, resisting arrest by flight.
• Anthony R. Hatchett, 7/28/75, simple assault (domestic).
• Timothy Thomas, 7/4/78, possession of a controlled substance, possession of stolen property.
• Hiram A. Blackwell, 4/8/71, possession of valium, possession of darvocet, contempt of court.
• Anthony M. Dailey, 3/27/82, mittimus (time served in lieu of paying fine).
• John R. Harris, 8/22/74, simple assault (domestic), probation violation.
• Jodie Brignac, 12/2/70, DUI.
• Sammy Joe Griffith, 5/22/36, fugitive from Louisiana.
• Lee Humes, 10/23/82, fugitive from St. Tammany Parish.
• Wesley J. Ladner, 10/25/67, simple assault (domestic).
• Robert Sandoval, 9/20/69, public intoxication.
• Richard A. Ben, 6/1/82, possession of alcohol under 21.
• Tiffany Carver, 1/11/80, forgery - 14 counts.
• Orrin Daniel Deneal, soliciting.
• Yvonne McLaughlin, 3/2/59, simple assault on a minor X 2.

Garcia

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Garber said the outcome of the case - at least in his mind - was never in doubt.

"Chris Schmidt and Larry Bougeois of the D.A. (Cono Caranna's) office did an excellent job of prosecuting the case," he said.

The prosecutors called nine witnesses in the four-day trial, Schmidt said, including forensic experts and two investigators from Garber's office. Meanwhile, Schmidt said, Garcia's defense offered no expert testimony to support his insanity claim.

Garcia has been returned to the Hancock County Justice Facility, where he will remain while prosecutors and defense attorney Tom Berry complete post-trial motions, Garber said, "and he'll be transferred to state custody just as soon as possible after that."

Garcia will serve life without parole, Schmidt said, because he has been declared a habitual offender. Garcia had just completed a nine-year term in Parchman for rape just before beginning an initially-friendly relationship with Tuller.

Kane graduates from U. of M.

Sanders Burke Kane of Bay St. Louis is among 520 candidates for graduation from the University of Mississippi at the

conclusion of the fall semester. Kane earned a bachelor of business administration degree from the university.



Sea Coast Echo employees honored for helping the paper achieve the Mississippi Press Association's prestigious "Best Print Quality Award" include, from left, Media/Technology Manager Donna J. Smith, Production Manager Mike Benson and Pre-press Technician Pedro "Tony" Monti.

The Sea Coast Echo honored by the Mississippi Press Association

ECHO STAFF REPORT

The Sea Coast Echo earned several awards at the recent Mississippi Press Association's Winter Convention held in Jackson.

The awards include, first place, "Best Print Quality Award," first place, "Best Theme Page," second place and honorable mention for "Best Section or Edition Dedicated to an Editorial Topic," third place to

Cecilia Howe for, "Best Single Retail Advertisement, Black and White," second place to Trina Lizana for, "Best Single Display Classified Ad," and honorable mention to Suzette Carlson for, "Best Single Retail Advertisement, Black and White."

"The awards are the result of a team effort by our dedicated staff," Sea Coast Echo Editor and Publisher James R.

"Randy" Ponder stated. "It's always good to be recognized by one's peers and I am happy for my employees, but the real winners are our loyal advertisers and readers."

"I am especially pleased with the Best Print Quality Award," Ponder added. "I have always maintained that the print quality of the Sea Coast Echo is second to none."

"The judges agree."

AARP to meet in Waveland tomorrow at 10

The AARP meeting will be conducted at American Legion Post 77 Monday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m.

The new officers for 2001 are Mary Gilmore, president; Mayola Rotherham, vice president; Gertrude Helwig, secretary; and Al Mahe, treasurer. The Diamondhead Line Dancers will perform.

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DMR establishes No Wake Zone in Hancock

In accordance With Mississippi Code 25-43-7, which allows for the adoption of emergency rules, and Commission on Marine Resources Ordinance 16.002, which allows the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to establish Temporary Specific No Wake Zones, the Executive Director of the DMR has ordered the establishment of the following Temporary Specific No Wake Zone.

The No Wake Zone is described as follows:

Within waters of Jourdan River that are within 500 feet of the Interstate 10 highway bridge.

These rules shall be effective for 120 days from the date of this notice unless canceled by further directive.

The reason for establishing the Temporary Specific No Wake Zone is to allow for the

replacement of the Interstate 10 highway bridge. All vessels should transit the area with caution.

A No Wake Zone is defined as an area of navigable marine water in which vessels are not

allowed to create a potentially damaging wake or to operate a vessel above idle speed.

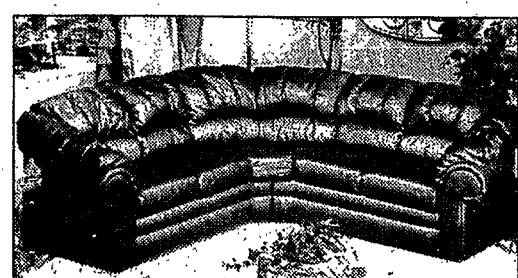
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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Today is the big Mardi Gras day for Waveland-Bay St. Louis with the Krewe of Nereids set to roll at 1 p.m.

The parade forms at the Choctaw Plaza Shopping Center, travels east on Highway 90 to Bouslog (by post office) and then west on 90 to Waveland Avenue where it will disband.

Nereids is followed by the krewe of Eros and Hancock and should consist of some 100 or so floats.

The ladies of Nereids will mark their 35th parade, and it is hard to realize it has been that long since the organization began parading in Waveland.

The parade began with a few floats and has just continued to grow in size and spectator attendance.

The costumes of the queens and maids are very vibrant this year. Just to see the beautiful costumes is enough to make one want to view the parade.

By parading on Highway 90, it gives parade goers a good viewing opportunity. There is parking space available on the side streets of the highway. Thousands and thousands of viewers are expected to be on hand for the parade.

Mardi Gras parades do create a lot of litter, and parade viewers can help curb some of the litter by bringing along a plastic bag to store their debris. This would help the clean-up crews which have to tackle the trash after the parade. A little help from everyone can go a long way.

I hope to see you at the Nereids parade this afternoon.

While on the subject of litter, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's annual spring cleanup is set for Saturday, March 3.

This is in preparation for the annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage which is set March 8 through 17.

Organizations, groups, industries, student groups, etc., are all being asked to participate in the cleanup. Just give the chamber a call at 467-9048. The cleanup will be from 8 a.m. to noon.

The chamber has the supplies necessary for the cleanup.

This year's theme is, "Litter Free Begins with Me." We can all help make a difference, and I am hoping we will have lots of volunteers on Saturday, March 3.

I hope to see you at the cleanup on March 3.

Isn't it great that we have an attraction right here in Hancock County that was selected as the Mississippi Tourism Attraction of the Year?

At the Governor's Conference on Tourism held in Jackson, the John C. Stennis Space Center's StenniSphere received the award. Just think, since its opening last Memorial Day, the StenniSphere had some 170,000 visitors from all 50 states and 26 countries.

As you will remember, the museum at Stennis was enlarged last year to 14,000 square feet of interactive exhibits, etc., which reflects the history and missions of the Stennis Space Center and the local area.

I just wonder how many local residents have not taken a tour of the new StenniSphere. It is a great place for parents or grandparents to take their youngsters as a family outing, and the tour is free.

StenniSphere is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

All tours of the Stennis Space Center begin at the Hancock County Welcome Center on I-10. Free bus tours begin at NASA's Launch Pad and transport visitors on a free guided tour of America's largest rocket test complex in addition to a visit to the StenniSphere.

In addition to the exhibits at the StenniSphere, there is a local cuisine restaurant done in an early 1960s theme and an expanded gift shop.

If you haven't visited the StenniSphere, you do not know what you are missing.

This past week in the Senate we passed the halfway point in the session and had a very productive, but not very exciting week.

There was very little floor action as we once again broke up into committees each day to handle the bills that have come to us after being approved by the House of Representatives.

The House began work on bills we approved and sent to them.

On Wednesday we began some of the most important work we'll do this year as we handled some of the scores of appropriations bills we see each year, approving budgets for state agencies. Although not very exciting, this is critical work to ensure our state agencies have enough money to serve the people they work for, in whatever sector of the state.

This year the work has been especially difficult because of the tight revenue situation we are in. As we've noted many times before, the state's econ-

omy is still growing, just not at the pace that our experts predicted.

Because of that slowdown, we have had to be very cautious in the budgeting process. Every year we try to exercise caution in spending taxpayer money. This year everyone has had to tighten his or her belt, and the Legislature has had to oversee that process.

Because of the revenue situation, we stuck closely to what our legislative budget analysts projected in order to complete our work with a balanced budget, which we must do every year.

We handled over 35 appropriations bills ranging from budgets for the state Tax Commission to the governor's office and Mansion. We will finish the rest of the agency budgets within the next two weeks.

On Thursday we approved five nominations from the governor to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Institutions of Higher Learning or what is



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas

commonly known as the College Board.

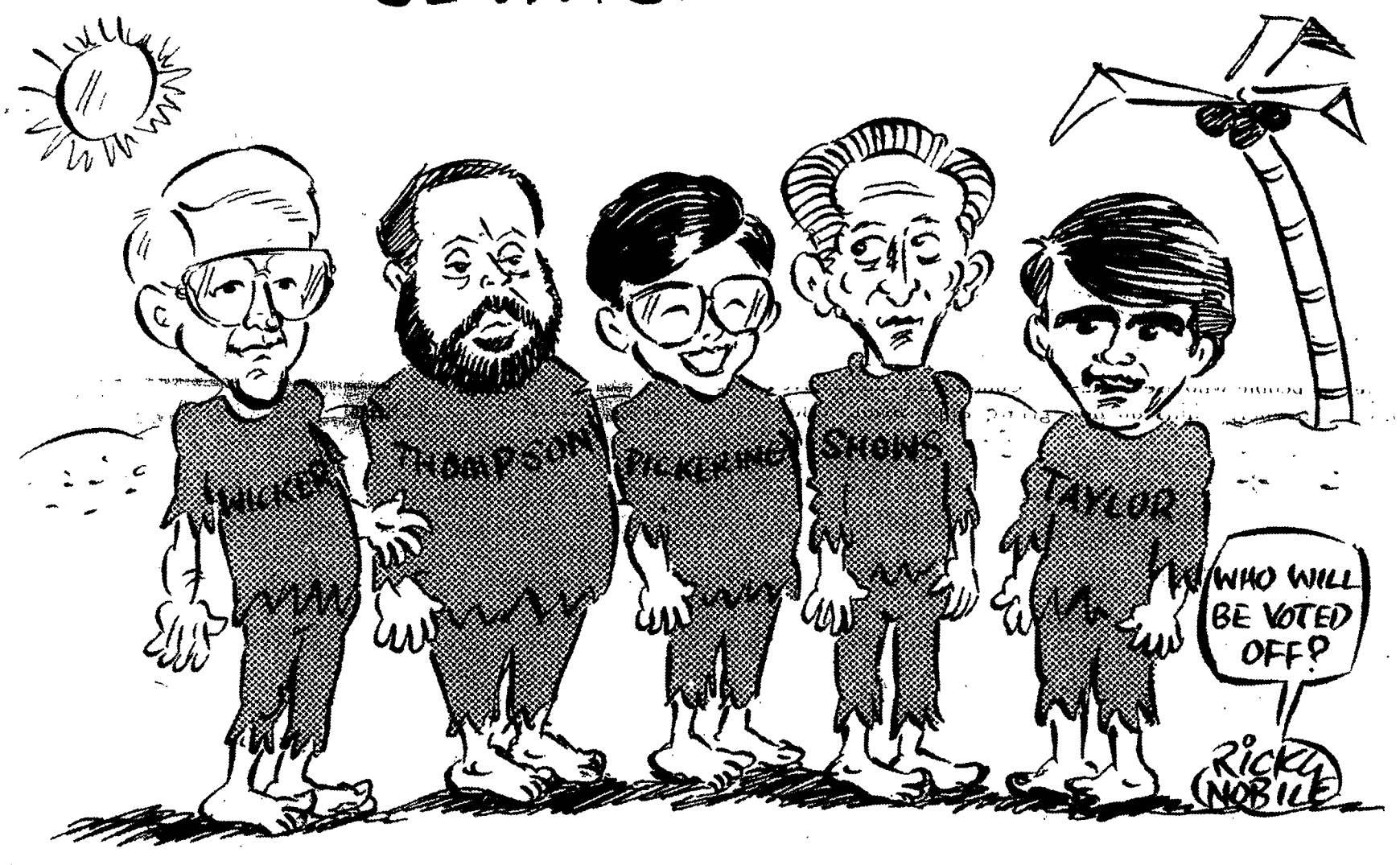
These nominations are extremely important because the people serving on the board oversee almost every facet of life in our colleges and universities.

Because they are in such positions of trust, we take a close look at every nomination. This year the Universities and Colleges Committee held hearings and interviewed the candidates, brought us these recommendations with high praise and we confirmed them.

So with the session half over, we're still focused on doing the best we can for the people of our state. We have dealt with issues as complex and important as school safety and our exploding prison population and we will continue to work towards the successful resolution of our state's problems and furthering the goals that will make our state better in the future.

Senator Cuevas may be reached in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.

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TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
COUNTIES

Q May a board of supervisors bury dead livestock killed as a result of a natural emergency such as a heat wave?

A Yes, if the board of supervisors declares a natural disaster pursuant to Sections 33-15-5 and 33-15-49, county employees and equipment may venture onto private property to bury dead livestock in order to prevent the spread of disease or other health hazards to the community at large.

(Attorney General's opinion to Litchler dated December 15, 2000)

Q May a justice court charge a "drop fee" in a matter of criminal charges which are dropped by the affiant (injured party)? What fees should be charged if the defendant has been arrested and a fee is due to the constable or sheriff's department?

A There is no authority for a justice court to charge a "drop fee" for a case to be dismissed; however, Section 99-15-51 provides that for prosecutions of petty misdemeanors, if the injured party acknowledges receipt of satisfaction, upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, the court may discharge the defendant, dismiss the proceedings and may require the payment of court costs by the defendant.

dant.
(Attorney General's opinion to Glenn dated November 10, 2000)

Q May a county condemn property for use as a school bus turnaround?

A No. No authority is found for a county to condemn property for a school bus turnaround; the property owner must consent or have no objection to its use as a school bus turnaround.

(Attorney General's opinion to Gex dated December 15, 2000)

Q May a sheriff restrict his deputies' outside employment?

A Yes, the sheriff has authority to set policy with regard to any additional outside employment opportunities that may conflict with the deputies' or employees' responsibilities with the sheriff's department.

(Attorney General's opinion to Wilson dated December 15, 2000)

GENERAL

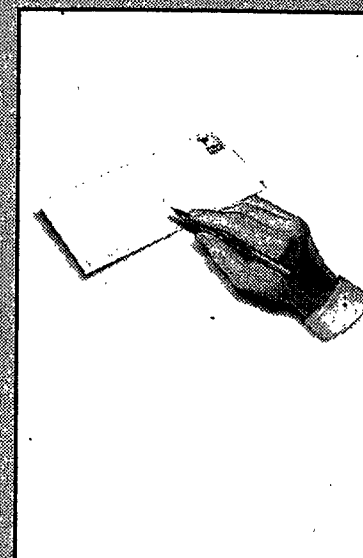
Q May the governing boards authorize and obtain credit cards to be issued in the name of an individual university, community college, school, county, city, airport authority, port authority or other entity under their authority for official business use or official travel related expenses?

A No, except for credit cards

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



for use by the sheriff and deputies in the performance of duties as authorized by Section 19-25-13 and for fuel access cards pursuant to a term contract as authorized by Sections 3-1-7-12 or 31-7-13, there is no authority for the following entities to authorize and obtain credit cards:

Public Universities, Community Colleges and School Districts (Attorney General's opinion to Murray dated November 17, 2000)
Counties (Attorney General's

opinion to Austin dated April 23, 1999)

Cities (Attorney General's opinion to Barry dated June 26, 1991)

Airport Authorities (Attorney General's opinion to Smith dated July 26, 1995)

Port Authorities (Attorney General's opinion to Hunter dated March 2, 1994)

Section 25-3-41 sets forth procedures for authorization for travel expense for employees traveling on official business.

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Seal announces for councilman Ward 1

City Councilman Ward 1 Doug Seal, you was elected in a special election in June of 2000, is asking to be re-elected.

Seal is married to Michele Moran Seal, and they have two boys, Cody, 13, and Cayce, 8.



Doug Seal

Seal is employed with GE Plastics. A graduate of Picayune High School, he also attended U.S. Navy Electronics School and the Mississippi Realtor Institute.

His statement:

"Thank you to Ward 1 residents for letting me serve as your councilman for the last seven months. It's been a real pleasure and opportunity to serve you. The last few months have been a great educational experience, as well as a rewarding experience.

"Last year when I was talking to Ward 1 residents about being your councilman I promised to include you in every decision that affects our beautiful area, and I have.

"I regularly meet with residents when a problem affects our neighborhood and speak for you at council meetings. We have had a Ward 1 community meeting, which was very informative and well attended by both Ward 1 residents and city officials.

"Some of the biggest problems facing our area are speeding, drainage and street maintenance. I have worked to resolve these issues and have made progress on addressing your concerns.

"As your councilman you can count on me to represent you and your needs. Together we will continue to make Bay St. Louis 'Truly a Place Apart.'"

Help available to MS residents struggling with high energy bills

MS Consumer Guidance has established a grant fund to help people who are having financial problems because of high energy costs.

This grant program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organizations 501(c)(3) non-profit status granted by the Internal Revenue Service.

"Many people who are struggling with energy bills do not know that financial assistance is available from non-profit organizations and from the government," says Jim Surasak, national spokesperson for Consumer Guidance.

"We have established the Energy Help Grant Program and also publish a number of booklets to help consumers who are struggling with rising energy costs."

Consumer

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Corporation is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to assisting individuals of all ages who need financial assistance to help pay for consumer debts, energy bills, prescription drugs and medical care.

The primary purpose of Consumer Guidance Corporation is to educate and assist consumers with all consumer debt issues.

Consumers can receive a free grant application and more information about other financial help by calling 202-595-1035 or by visiting Consumer Guidance's Internet web site: www.ConsumerGuidance.org

Corporations or individuals who wish to contribute to Consumer Guidance's Energy Help Grant Program can send tax deductible contributions to MS Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

Summer Leadership Studies now accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted by the University of Southern Mississippi for the summer Leadership Studies program for children in grades 6-11. The application deadline for the June 17-22 residential program is March 31. Tuition includes room and board.

First-time participants take Leadership I, which covers fundamental leadership skills - including written and oral communication, group dynamics, problem-solving, planning, personal skills and decision-making.

Leadership II, offered to second-year students, builds on principles taught in the first course. Emphasis is placed on the psychology of leadership, assertiveness training and situational leadership.

Third-year students take Leadership III, which focuses on legal aspects of leadership, responsibilities of various positions of leadership, developing personal power and leadership for the future.

Avenues for becoming leaders in school, community, church or synagogue will be discussed to heighten awareness and development of leadership potential. Participants also have an opportunity for informal interaction with adult leaders.

For applications or additional information, contact the Leadership Studies Program, University of Southern Mississippi, Box 8207, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-8207, or call (601) 266-5236 or e-mail at gifted.studies@usm.edu.

Clowns on display at Kiln Public Library

A collection of clowns is now on display at the Kiln Public Library through March 12.

Owned by Jean Bruneau of the Kiln community, the collection consists of a wide variety of clowns, including clown dolls, clown clocks and clown kachinas from New Mexico.

Bruneau's collection began in 1981 with a gift of a clown doll, and has now grown to more

than 100 items.

More information is available by calling the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724. The library system can be accessed through the World Wide Web at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

DialPac, the library system's automated catalog, can be accessed via home, business or school modem by dialing 463-0024.



Giving the gift of life

Pearl River Community College's Iota Mu chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently co-sponsored a blood drive with United Blood Services in Shivers Gymnasium and collected 104 units from 129 volunteers who were interviewed. UBS spokesperson Beverly Clark said the net was short of the drive's 150-pint goal, but noted sickness and cold weather hampered the turnout. Clark added that each unit of blood goes to help three patients, which means 312 will benefit from the PTK drive. Here freshman Jamie Saucier of Necaise (front) and sophomore Kim Peterson of Picayune are doing their part. The PRCC Associate Degree Nursing Program is to host another UBS drive in March or April. (PRCC photo)

Aid available for USMGC culinary arts students

Current and prospective students of the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast's Culinary Arts Academy can now apply for financial aid.

Federal financial aid is available in the form of Pell grants.

"This is a major milestone for our culinary arts program," said Karlene Koch, coordinator of advisement and training at the academy.

"We're a new program, having been established in 1996, and it has finally come through for us. This will mean a lot for students who have wanted to be part of the program but haven't been able to afford it."

Financial aid for culinary arts students begins with the fall semester. Students will be eligible for all forms of federal and state financial aid, including Pell grants and Stafford

loans. The same eligibility requirements will apply as apply to students in other fields.

The priority deadline for applying for the fall semester is March 15. Applications are available in the USMGC Financial Aid office in the Administration Building on the Gulf Park campus. Federal financial aid applications are available on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

For more information, call Financial Aid at (228) 865-4513. For information about the Culinary Arts Academy, call Koch at (228) 867-8783, or visit the website at www.culinaryacademy.usm.edu.

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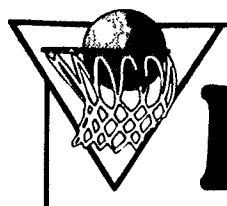
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BASKETBALL update

Wildcats clinch South Division crown with win over Bulldogs

Pearl River Community College's Wildcats enter next week's South Division Tournament as the No. 1 seed, after disposing of arch-rival Mississippi Gulf Coast 87-79 to clinch the division's 2001 regular season title Thursday in M.R. White Coliseum.

PRCC ended its regular season at 18-7 overall and 10-2 in division play, while the visiting Bulldogs fell to 19-6 and 9-3.

Pearl River's women, on the other hand, led by as much as 20 in the first half over the Lady Bulldogs, but succumbed in the second half to lose 70-61 and fall to 12-12 and 5-7. Gulf Coast's women improved to 14-9 and 4-8.

In the men's game, the Wildcats took the lead in the opening minutes and built their advantage to as much as 11, 32-21 in the final two minutes of first half. PRCC led 34-26 at the intermission, but Gulf Coast opened the second half with a 19-10 run to take a short-lived 45-44 edge with 13:50 left when freshman Marquez Moultrie hit one of his six three pointers for the night.

Pearl River answered with an impressive 22-10 run to again go up by 11 66-55 when sophomore Taboris Lindsey connected on one of his three treys with 6:55 left. The Bulldogs managed to cut the lead to six twice during the remaining time.

Pearl River shot 50 percent (29 of 58) from the field 40 percent in the first half and 61 percent in the second while hitting a season-best 78 percent (seven of nine) from three-point range. Gulf Coast shot 39 percent (29 of 74) from the field and 34 percent (11 of 32) from three-point range. Zeke Davis of St. Stanislaus scored 10 points.

In the women's game, the score was tied five times in the early going before PRCC went on a 32-12 run to go up by 20 42-22 for the largest lead of the game. The Lady Wildcats led 44-27 at the intermission, but Gulf Coast fought back. The Lady Bulldogs opened the second half

with a 36-17 run to take a 63-61 edge with 2:50 left and the Lady Wildcats never recovered.

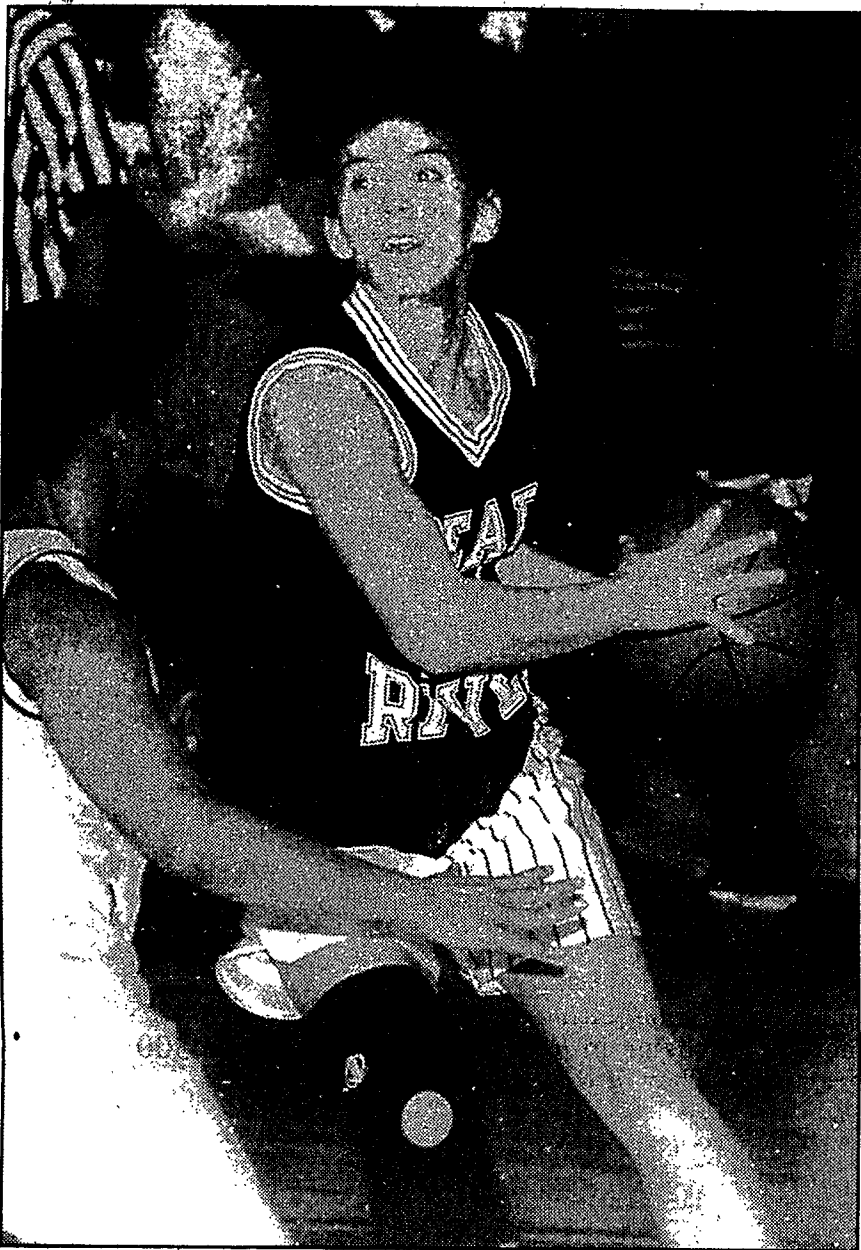
Sophomore Mindy Ladner of Hancock County paced Pearl River with 16 points (five rebounds), while freshman Dee Flennory of North Forrest added 13 (six boards), freshman Michelle Small of New Orleans and sophomore Jessica Pucheu of Hancock, 10 each; freshmen Millie Graves of Bassfield and Brandi Ladner of Hancock, four each; sophomores Lori DeSilvey of Hancock and Quinisia Hatten of North

Forrest, two each.

Pucheu also finished with two treys, five rebounds, five assists, and three steals, while Small had one trey.

The Lady Wildcats were 68-63 winners over Gulf Coast, while the Wildcats took a 58-56 win over the Bulldogs Jan. 22 in Perkinston.

The South Division Tournament will be held Monday through Thursday, while the 2001 State Tournament will be hosted by the South men's champ Feb. 26-27 (Monday and Tuesday).



Lady Wildcat sophomore point guard Jessica Pucheu of Hancock County scored ten points and had five assists and three steals against the Lady Bulldogs.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program signup announced for March 19

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands.

WHIP is a voluntary program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Participants who own or control land agree to prepare and implement a wildlife habitat development plan containing wildlife habitat conservation practices to be installed on the land.

The plan describes the landowner's goals for improving wildlife habitat, includes a list of practices and schedule for installing them.

The plan also details the steps necessary to maintain the habitat for the life of the agreement. The agreement lasts 6-10 years from the date the contract is signed.

The landowner agrees to maintain the cost-shared prac-

tices and allow USDA or its agent access to monitor the effectiveness of the practices.

The NRCS agrees to provide technical assistance and pays 75 percent of the cost of installing the wildlife habitat practices. Cost-share payments may be used to establish or replace practices.

Land is not eligible for WHIP if it is currently enrolled in the Water Bank Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, or other similar programs.

Under WHIP, applications are ranked. Habitat factors and

point values will be assigned to the land or tract that is submitted for WHIP.

Native habitat improvement and other types of improvements that are installed will govern the ranking of individual applications.

The WHIP signup begins March 19 at local NRCS offices. The application deadline will be April 13.

For more information, contact your local county NRCS office. All programs and services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available on a non-discriminatory basis.

D'head Women's Golf results

The Diamondhead Women's Golf Association held a Points Tournament Feb. 15.

Winners in the Championship Flight were Rita Durham 1st, Mary Hays 2nd, and Alice Matthews 3rd.

First Flight winners were Til Garrison 1st, Christel

Fritzsche 2nd, and Mary Clare Skaggs 3rd.

Second Flight winners were Margaret Hill 1st, Rose Stackhouse 2nd, and Sam Parkin 3rd.

Third Flight winners were Dot Morrison 1st, Kathy Crouch 2nd, and JoAnne Smith 3rd.

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers win title in OT; SSC has title slapped away

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

If one was looking for great high school basketball on Friday, February 16, they would have found two games worth any amount of money at the new state-of-the-art gymnasium on the campus of Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg. The Bay High Lady Tigers tangled with the home-standing Lady Warriors of Oak Grove and the Rock-a-chaws of St. Stanislaus hooked up with the #1-ranked Picayune Maroon Tide for the respective Division 7 Class 4A titles.

Both games went to the wire between the four teams. The Lady Tigers of Bay High needed an overtime period to steal the title away from the number one-seeded Lady Warriors 75-70, while the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws gave everything they had against the state's top ranked Maroon Tide only to have the title, literally, slapped away with :04 left and lose 56-54. It was the fifth consecutive year for the Bay High Lady Tigers to the division championship game. SSC and Picayune squared off in the division championship game for the third consecutive year.

The Bay High Lady Tigers fell behind 6-0 early but battled back behind the play of Stephanie and Kendra Reed to claim a 17-14 advantage after the first period. The Reed sisters combined for nine of their team's 17 points in the opening period.

Shenna Ambrose lit the scoreboard up for 10 points in the second period to help Bay High maintain their lead and go into the break leading 32-28. However, the Lady Warriors were not about to be out to pasture.

The third period belonged to Oak Grove as Kim Winfrey, Lacy Branch, Lisa Clark, and Liz Palmer all contributed to help the Lady Warriors claim a 46-41 advantage going into the final stanza. Clark nailed a three-pointer with 3:07 left in the period to give Oak Grove a lead that they would not relinquish until the fourth period.

Kendra Reed and Felicia Thomas each scored four points to key a Lady Tiger 8-2 run that gave Bay High the lead back with 6:23 left to play in regulation. Bay High increased their lead to as much as seven points in the fourth period; however, the pesky Lady Warriors didn't give up. With :08 left in regulation, Clark nailed a three-pointer for Oak Grove to bring the score 60-58 in favor of Bay High.

Shenna Ambrose went to the charity stripe after being fouled on the inbound pass, Ambrose made one of her two free throws to make the score 61-58.

Oak Grove pushed the ball up the floor and found Clark wide open for a trey. Clark hit nothing but net to tie the game at the buzzer 61-61.

Stephanie Reed took over for the Lady Tigers in the overtime period and scored eight points en route to the 75-70 victory. Reed stepped up to the challenge for Bay High as senior guard Shenna Ambrose was experiencing severe leg cramps.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "In overtime, the steals and free throws we made were the key to the game. Plus, a tremendous amount of heart and guts won us the title. Both teams played very hard tonight. It was an awesome championship game."

The Lady Tigers were led by Ambrose's 23 points followed by Stephanie Reed with 18 points. Carmen Labat and Kendra Reed each scored 10 points in the win. Oak Grove was led by Kim Winfrey's 24 points followed by Clark's 11 points.

The Lady Tigers destroyed the Pearl River Central Lady Blue Devils 87-29 in the first

round on Monday. On Thursday night, the Lady Tigers won a double overtime battle with their nemesis, the Hancock Lady Hawks, by the score of 66-62 to advance to the championship game.

The Lady Hawks of Hancock routed Columbia 94-35 to advance to the semi-finals against Bay High.

Hancock ends their season with a record of 19-13. The Bay High Lady Tigers have an overall record of 27-6 and will host the loser of the Crystal Springs/South Pike game on Monday, February 19, at the Tiger Dome in the first round of the South State playoffs.

The All-Division team members from Bay High were Shenna Ambrose, Stephanie Reed, Kendra Reed, and Carmen Labat. The Offensive Player of the Year was Kim Winfrey of Oak Grove. The Defensive Player of the Year award was claimed by freshman Brooke Nacaise of Hancock. The Most Valuable Player for Division 7 Class 4A in 2000-01 was Bay High's Shenna Ambrose.

The game between SSC and Picayune was a methodical one that went basket-to-basket. The Rocks took the #1-ranked Maroon Tide to the wire only to have the title slapped from their hands at the buzzer 56-54. SSC senior guard Grady Willis rallied his troops around him as he led the charge against a Maroon Tide team that had defeated the Rocks twice during the season by four and eight points.

Grady Willis sank two treys in the first period for SSC before Picayune's Adrian Payton canned a three-pointer with 1:03 left in the period to tie the game at 9-9.

The second period was just as exciting with neither team tak-

ing more than a three-point lead. Willis opened the second period with a trey to put the Rocks up 12-9. And, Willis ended the first half of play sinking two free throws for SSC to tie the game at 22-22.

Lee Howard and Brandon Arcement got in on the three-point action for SSC in the third period. Howard pulled up and nailed a trey with 7:15 left in the third period to keep the game tied at 25-25. Arcement hit consecutive three-pointers to give the Rocks a 33-28 lead with 3:49 left in the period. SSC got up by as much as six points in the third period; however, Picayune canned a trey at the buzzer to make the score 40-37 going into the final period.

Willis took charge for the Rocks in the final period canning 12 points including a steal and dunk with 3:50 left to play. Willis nailed a three-pointer, his sixth of the night, with :57 left to give the Rocks a 54-52 advantage.

Picayune's Jonathan Patton scored the game's final two buckets including the controversial game winner at the buzzer after the Picayune slap and steal.

In the game there were 20 three-pointers made between the two teams and 15 lead changes. Grady Willis led the Rocks with 26 points followed by Jason Santiago with 11 points. Jonathan Patton led all scorers with 29 points while Adrian Payton added 14 points for Picayune.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "It was another classic battle between Picayune and St. Stanislaus. It was a great atmosphere and the game could have gone either way. There is no shame in losing to Picayune. They are a great team. We played a patient game because Picayune forces you to play that way with their defense. It was great battle between the two teams. It is one that nobody deserves to lose."

SSC advanced to the championship game by defeating the Petal Panthers 62-54 in the first round. The Rocks disposed of

the Columbia Wildcats in the semi-finals 65-35 on Thursday night. The Maroon Tide wiped out Bay High in the first round 70-40 before running into a vicious Hancock Hawk squad.

The Hawks won their first division game in over 12 years when they defeated the home-standing Oak Grove Warriors 71-65. Zach Nelson scored 23 points to lead the way for the Hawks against the Warriors. Jason Phillips scored 17 points followed by Cody Ladner and Kael Peterson with 15 and 11 points, respectively.

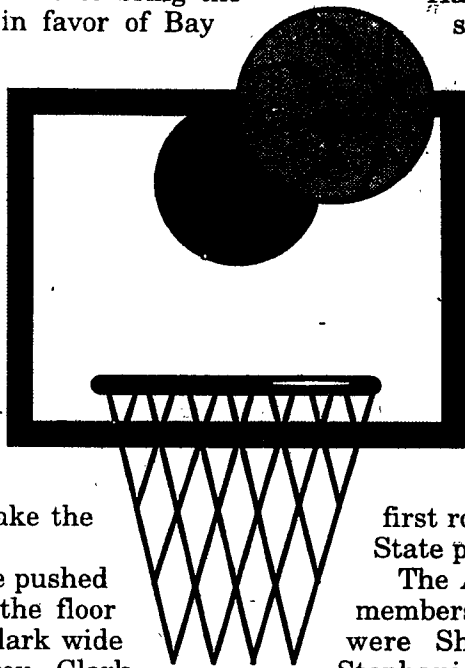
Picayune defeated the Hawks in the semi-finals 56-42 to advance to the championship game. Hancock finished the season with a record of 13-20. The final tally was an eight-game improvement over last year's record.

The Rocks will take a 24-10

record into the first round of the South State playoffs on Tuesday, February 20. SSC will travel to Lawrence County who defeated Crystal Springs 51-46. Picayune will host Crystal Springs in the first round.

The All-Division team members from SSC are Grady Willis, Brandon Arcement, and Jason Santiago. Hancock placed Zach Nelson and Cody Ladner on the All-Division team.

The Offensive Player of the Year in Division 7 Class 4A was Picayune's Jonathan Patton. Teammate Adrian Payton garnered Defensive Player of the Year. The Most Valuable Player for Division 7 Class 4A was claimed by SSC senior guard Grady Willis.



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BASEBALL update

Wildcats, Dupuy fall to Pensacola

Pearl River Community College suffered its fifth loss of the baseball season Thursday, falling to Pensacola 6-2 in non-division baseball action.

PRCC fell to 1-4, while PJC improved to 7-2. The win marked a clean sweep for Pensacola over Pearl River, as the Florida team was a 9-2 winner in the Wildcats' season opener on Feb. 6 in Pensacola.

Southpaw starter Brandon Dupuy (1-1), who finished the game with seven strikeouts, fanned five Pensacola batters in the first three-and-two-thirds innings before Billy Sadler doubled and Jared Rolen followed with an RBI single to put PJC up 1-0.

Dupuy, a sophomore from Bay High, struck out two more in the top of the fifth before relinquishing the mound to sophomore righthander Matt Magee of Franklinton, La., in the top of the sixth. Magee held PJC at bay in the frame, then

retired two straight to open the seventh. But two Wildcat errors resulted in another Pensacola run to put the visitors up 2-0 after six-and-a-half.

Sophomore Jered McDaniel of Columbia relieved in the eighth. A walk, an error, and a base hit made it 3-0, then Grant Mullen cracked a two-RBI double to put Pensacola up by five. Wildcat freshman Jonathan Mitcham of North Forrest took over the mound with one out in the eighth and retired the side.

After the Wildcats answered with back-to-back home runs by sophomores Kirk Giger of Petal and Ryan Landry of Thibodaux, La., PJC starter Jeremy Segers (1-0) was relieved by Erick Thompson, who retired the side.

In the top of the ninth, a base hit, another error, and a hit batter added the final run of the game.

Meridian hosts the Wildcats Wednesday in a 1 p.m. nine-inning contest.

Bay High Tennis Schedule

March			
1	Hancock	Away	4:00
5	Petal	Away	5:00
6	Picayune	Home	4:00
13	Pass Christian	Away	4:00
15	Long Beach	Away	4:00
19	Mercy Cross	Home	4:30
22	Resurrection	Home	4:00
27	St. Stanislaus	Away	4:00
29	Picayune	Away	4:30

April			
3	Hancock	Home	4:00
5	Oak Grove	Home	5:00
19	District	Diamondhead	
April 30, May 1	State Tournament in Jackson		

Pass Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Feb. 13 Front Nine, 1/2 Handicap winners include:

First Flight: first, Debbie Wolf
Second Flight: first, Perk Landry; second, Joan Anderson
Third Flight: first, Doris Roofner; second, Helen Farrelly
Nine holes low net: first, Susie Michael; and second Claire Loup

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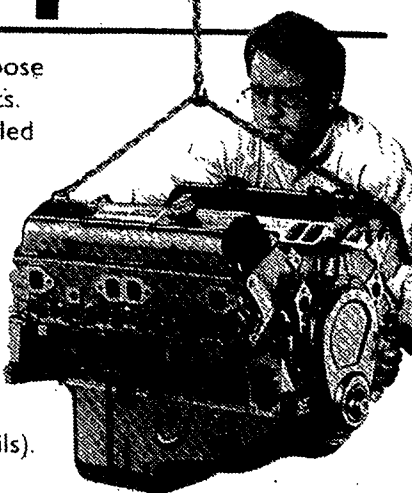
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Obituaries

BARBARA ANN CHILDS FLORINE MCCLELAND MILDRED SHEA

BARBARA ANN CHILDS
Barbara Ann Childs, 63, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001 in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Childs was a native of Biloxi. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Joseph and Pearl nee Kenneron; brothers Benny, Wayne and William Joseph Kenneron Jr.; and a sister, Betty Simmons.

Survivors include her husband, Luther David Childs Sr.; three sons, Luther David Childs Jr., of McComb, James William Childs of Jackson, and Allan Roger Childs of McComb; three daughters, Kathy Childs Davide of Baton Rouge, Nacy Childs Ainsworth of Fairview, N.C. and Connie Lynn Reagan of Magnolia; brother J.C.

Kenneron of Grand Bay, Al.; 21 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held today, Sunday, Feb. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

A prayer service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home chapel. A graveside service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Magnolia Cemetery in Magnolia, Ms.

FLORINE MCCLELAND

Mrs. Florine McClelland, 78, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

MILDRED SHEA

Mildred Shea, 89, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, in Gulfport.

Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport.

Bill offers truce in sport licensing war

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

Mississippi legislators are hoping to end a feud over fishing and hunting fees that has been waging for eight months between Louisiana and Mississippi.

Last week, Sen. Lynn Posey of Union Church, who chairs the Senate Wildlife and Fisheries Committee, offered a fisheries proposal he hopes will bring a truce.

His legislation is being supported by powerful coast Sens. Tommy Gollott of Biloxi and Billy Hewes of Gulfport.

Louisiana had raised out-of-state fishing fees to what some considered "outrageous" levels in order to offset a \$9 million cut in the Wildlife and Fisheries budget.

Non-resident fees for saltwater fishing were raised 64 percent to \$110 annually or fishermen could get a three-day license for \$70, up 160 percent from the previous \$27 fee. The fees charter boats pay to have their parties fish in Louisiana waters was also raised significantly.

In retaliation, Mississippi raised its out-of-state non-resident hunting fee to \$425.

Posey's proposal would:

- Ask Louisiana to reduce its

non-resident annual saltwater fishing fee from \$110 to an appropriate level.

- Ask Louisiana to reduce its three-day non-resident saltwater fishing license from \$70 to \$55.

- Ask Louisiana to create a one-day saltwater fishing license.

- Ask Louisiana to use the Chandeleur Islands and using small skiffs to get a \$5 trip license instead of a three-day \$70 license.

- Propose the formation of the Compact between Mississippi and Louisiana in order to match federal funds needed to enhance conservation activities in the island chain.

- Mississippi would agree to reduce its annual all-game Louisiana non-resident hunting license from \$425 to an appropriate level.

"We hope this will get them to the table," said Posey. "The bottom line is this: It should not be a burden on anyone in these two states to hunt or fish. We, the Legislature, have that responsibility."

Gollott said he hopes the Louisiana Legislature will accept the truce and end the licensing war before it gets out of control.

He mentioned an all-out boy-

MPT -- \$2.9M govt. contract

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Under the Air Force contract, MPT will develop a new, high-performance structure foam material based on its Parmax, Self Reinforced Polymer (SRP) technology.

He explained, "Structural foams are used in sandwich-type structural components with a foam core and a composite or metal external skin. Such foam-core sandwich structures are low in weight, but high in strength, making it valuable in weight-sensitive aerospace and military applications."

MPT Parmax SRP structural foams will offer high-shear strength coupled with superior damage tolerance," Dr. Gagne' said. "In contrast to other structural foams, Parmax SRP

foams are not susceptible to weight gain or damage from moisture."

The unique foam materials are expected to find use in both military and commercial aircraft, for wings and internal aircraft structures, Dr. Gagne' said. "And, it will be used in boats, land-based structures and specialty industrial applications."

Under the National Science Foundation grant, MPT will develop and test new Parmax powdered resins in rapid prototyping applications.

"Rapid prototyping technology is a method for quickly fabricating a prototype of a proposed new product," Dr. Gagne' explained.

"Typically, a laser is focused onto powdered materials, causing the particles to fuse into a solid form. Computer control of the laser permits intricate structures to be built up, layer-by-layer, into a final prototype, obviating the needs for costly machining and assembly."

Dr. Gagne' said the NSF's Small Business Innovation Research Program is designed to support the development of novel technology by small companies.

"Phase I awardees, like MPT, are also entitled to compete for subsequent Phase II contracts, which, if awarded, can be considerably larger in amount," he added.

The Air Force contract was the second major government contract landed by the fledgling company since locating at Port Bienville last October.

Last December, MPT received a \$1.1 million R&D contract from the U.S. Army for advanced development of its Parmax product.

MPT, which employs a staff of nine engineers, chemists, polymer scientists and support personnel, is now working out of temporary offices in the David McDonald Training Center at Port Bienville.

Aided by a \$1.5 million state loan, MPT will move into a new state-of-the-art facility currently being constructed at Port Bienville.

Jerry Hemphill, the Port and Harbor Commission's Programs Manager, hailed the announcement of the two contracts.

"That's exactly what we hoped would happen," said Hemphill.

P&H Executive director Hal Walters and Hemphill went to bat for MPT to help it relocate its headquarters here from California, and convinced the Board of Supervisors to approve a state bond issue for MPT's building.

Dr. Gagne' said MPT plans to employ about 50 more people when product sales begin.

Soldier

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"Michael also broke the 5th vertebrae in his neck ... but the doctors say that although neurological tests show some weakness on his left side, physically he shows no signs of paralysis ... and he seems to be as alert as can be expected on the pain killers ... as soon as he woke up from surgery he had them get me on the phone."

Baldwin said Michael calls her daily and that the family hopes to fly over to see him, hopefully this week. "But the army will only pay for his dad and I to fly over, so we're trying to find a way for other family members to make the trip."

"I've never been to Hawaii before and I'm sorry that it has to be for a reason like this," said Baldwin, who said she is scared of flying.

Baldwin said her son Michael had planned to make the army his career. "The surgeon told us that these injuries shouldn't affect his career but that he (Michael) would never be able to play football or anything like that, so what does that mean ... we won't really know how he is until we see him."

One consolation to Baldwin is that Michael's cousin Ryan Newbury, also from Hancock County, is serving in the Navy in the same area and was able to be at the hospital through the surgery and make visits.

"The helicopter pilot came to visit him and so have other men in his unit," said Baldwin.

Michael had been in the service since the Fall of 1999 and went through basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Baldwin said her son told her that this was a routine training mission which involved about 30 helicopters and 1,000 servicemen.

"He said the weather was really bad, that it was dark and raining," said Baldwin. "He said that the doors to the helicopter were open and he could see the other helicopter getting closer ... he thinks the rotor blades hit one another, and they fell, about 300 feet." There is also some speculation by Sgt. 1st Class Leslie E. Frye II that what hit the rotor blades was a Humvee that was suspended from the other helicopter. Neither version has been confirmed by the army and the crash is still under investigation.

Baldwin said the terrain was so rough that the injured had to be carried out in Humvees to a place where a helicopter could land to fly them to the hospital. "He wants to come home but we feel that he will probably be kept at Tripler for therapy," said Baldwin. Of the eleven injured men, all of them from the same helicopter, four remain hospitalized and are listed in stable condition.

cost of Louisiana products if the proposal is not accepted. Some anglers are already refusing to buy Louisiana spring water.

"I am ready to do something if they do not," said Gollott. "I am upset that they are doing this to my people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

Hewes said the licensing fees

are damaging the economies of both states.

"It has become nearly unaffordable to hunt or fish, and we need to do something about it. Our department has shown we are willing to do some work to end this. Now, it's up to them. This really is a win-win situation for both sides," said Hewes.

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Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeill and Jay Lagass show off a donation to the department by the Gulf Sands Life Member Club, Telephone Pioneers of America. The teddy bears, hand made by members of the club, are used by officers to comfort small children that they encounter on police calls.

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The family of Clarence Schindler would like to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Irene Koskan, Dr. Aziz and nurses Beth and Sharon, the D and C wing staff and office staff at Miramar Nursing Home, Hospicare, Father Theriault, Father Fannon, Father Jack, and Edmond Fahey. They provided individualized care that showed their dedication to him. Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks for their devotion to our father and husband.

We would also like to thank the many friends and family members who sent cards, prayers, flowers and food during this time.

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Ingalls gets contract to repair USS Cole

The U.S. Navy has awarded a not-to-exceed \$105,511,641 cost-plus-award fee letter contract modification to Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc. of Pascagoula for the repair and restoration of USS Cole, which was damaged in a terrorist attack while in the port of Aden, Yemen Oct. 12, 2000. The vessel was constructed at the shipyard.

Work is expected to be completed by February 2002. On Nov. 9, the Navy announced

that Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding would repair the USS Cole.

As the building yard of USS Cole, Litton Ingalls can provide the current design, planning, fabrication and production procedures for restoration of the ship.

Additionally, the Navy believes the work can be performed within the existing workforce, and will have minimal impact to Litton Ingalls' new construction production schedule.

Library promotes, adds new employees

The Hancock County Library System recently announced two promotions, two transfers and a new employee.

Sue Prendergast has assumed the position of Reference Desk manager at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Southern Mississippi and has been employed with the library system since 1998.

Sandi Stone was promoted to the position of Customer Service Desk manager at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. Her duties include assisting in managing the customer service desk, training new staff, maintaining patron records and carrying out special projects. Stone has 10 years in retail office management and has been with the library system since 1999.

Patricia Rigney and Joel Bullock have assumed the positions of information services assistants in the Reference Department at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County.

The department assists library users in finding information either in person or over the telephone. More than 18,000 reference transactions were handled by the Reference Department last year.

Rigney, who holds a bachelor of arts degree from William Carey College, replaces Kathy Martinolich, who holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Southern



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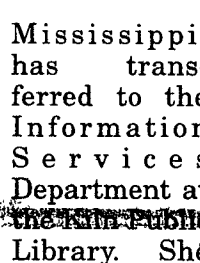
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Mississippi, has transferred to the Information Services Department at the Hancock County Library. She has been with the library system since 1997.

Bullock, who has been with the library system since 1999, previously worked as a customer service clerk. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Henderson State University in Arkansas. He replaces Michael McCarthy, who recently retired.

The Hancock County Library System is funded by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

For information, call 467-5282 or visit the library's web site at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by
Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

What to do when bad news hits your stocks

You open the newspaper and see the article — a company in which you own stock has produced a defective product.

Consumers are alarmed. The government is investigating. It's an investor's worst nightmare. Or is it?

Product difficulties are one of the factors that can affect a company's stock performance.

Accounting irregularities, litigation, management changes and other events also can take a toll on a firm's stock price.

As a concerned investor, what should you do when bad news strikes your stocks? Here's the first thing to remember: Don't panic.

Don't make hasty decisions based on today's headlines. There are at least two good reasons why you shouldn't rush to sell your beleaguered stocks.

First, if the media have been spotlighting a company's bad news, it's likely that the stock price isn't just down — it may be way down.

And as you'll recall, the basic rule of investing is to "buy low and sell high." It's at all possible, you'll usually want to avoid selling a stock when its price is low.

The second reason you shouldn't immediately sell a stock hit by bad news is that the reason for the downturn may be transitory. A defective product can be remedied, or even removed from the market.

A change in management could turn out to be for the better. Litigation could end favorably. In other words, once the ailment is remedied, the stock could regain its health — meaning the price could bounce back.

That's why it's essential that you look beyond a stock's short-term woes. It may be hard to ignore the commotion surrounding a dose of bad publicity, but you must do just that if you're investing for the long term.

Your investment representative can help you evaluate your stock's long-term prospects. Are its fundamentals still basically sound? Does it have a line of products that, in general, enjoys a competitive advantage within its industry? Is it in a business that's poised for significant growth?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then you'll most likely want to maintain your long-term, buy-and-hold outlook.

In fact, you may want to use the downturn as an opportunity to buy more shares.

To put yourself in a position in which you can turn bad news to your advantage, however, don't pin all your hopes on any one stock.

You should have other holdings to fall back on while the temporarily troubled stock has time to recover. That means you need to maintain a diversified portfolio — one that contains a good mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and "cash" instruments, such as money market funds.

Diversification provides you with a variety of growth and income opportunities, while helping you "dilute" the effects that bad news can have on a single stock.

Armed with a long-term perspective and a diversified portfolio, you'll be prepared if trouble comes visiting one of your stocks. And, as is the case in all walks of life, preparation is a cornerstone of success.

Public Service Commissioner to speak to D'head group

The next general meeting of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association will be Thursday, Feb. 22, 8-9 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club. Guest speaker will be Michael Callahan, Public Service Commissioner of the Mississippi Southern District.

He attended the University of Southern Mississippi on a football scholarship and played the position of lineman. Callahan graduated from USM with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and went on to Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, where he received a doctorate of jurisprudence.

He was a criminal investigator and assistant district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District in Hattiesburg and now has his own law practice, Hall & Callahan.

Since being elected, Callahan has actively taken part in two regulatory organizations, the National Association of Utility Commissioners, where he serves on the Electricity Committee, and the Southern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

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ALCAN ALUM/AL	37.92	- .33
AT & T/T	21.69	- .41
AUTOZONE INC/AZO	25.85	+ 1.08
BELLSOUTH/BLS	41.90	- .95
BOEING/BA	59.99	+ 2.65
CALGON CARBON/CCC	6.75	- .35
CHEVRON CORP/CHV	86.55	+ .66
COCA COLA/KO	59.36	- .78
CSX CORP/CSX	31.79	+ .98
DUPONT/DD	43.20	+ 1.21
FRIEDE GOLDMAN HALTER, INC	5.39	- .62
GENERAL ELEC/GE	47.00	+ 1.34
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	25.00	+ 1.04
HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	37.46	+ .43
INTL BUSINESS MACHINE/IBM	115.00	+ 2.68
INTL PAPER CO/IP	36.76	+ .16
K MART CORP/KM	8.88	+ .46
LOCKHEED MARTIN/LMT	36.25	+ .12
PARK PLACE ENT/PPE	11.00	- .47
PEOPLES FINANCIAL/PFBX	14.87	- .87
MCDONALDS CORP/MCD	30.22	+ .46
REGIONS FINANCIAL/RGBR	30.50	+ .56
ROCKWELL INTL CORP/ROK	45.69	+ .45
SOUTHERN COMPANY/SO	30.33	+ .14
TENNECO INC/TEN	3.33	- .32
UNION PLANTERS/UPC	39.12	+ .53
WAL MART STORES/WMT	52.36	+ 1.96
WELLMAN INC/WLM	18.71	+ .70
WHITNEY-HOLDING/WTNY	40.06	+ .37

Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

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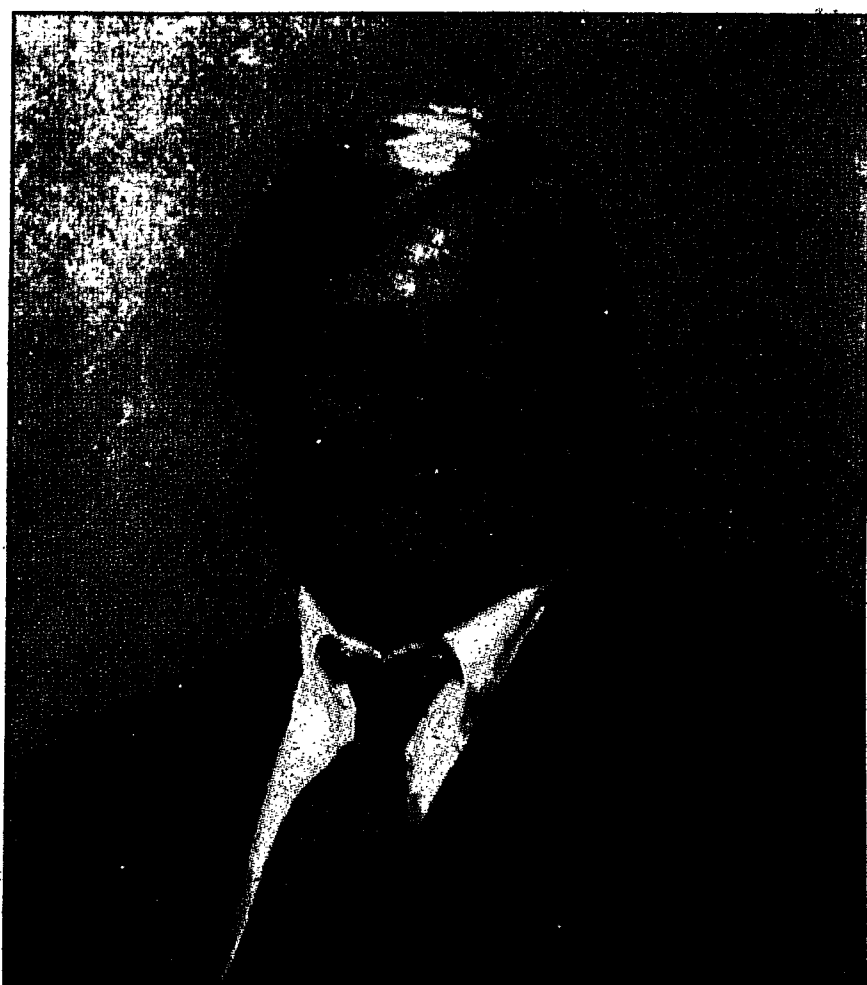
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King Nereus XXXV, Charles R. Oliver, Sr.

Nereids parade to roll today

As the Krewe of Nereids parade rolls today at 1 p.m., Queen Doris XXXV will share her reign over the royal court with King Nereus XXXV, Charles Rayburn Oliver, Sr.

Oliver is a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis and has been involved with the Krewe of Nereids for over 15 years.

Married to Rhonda J. Oliver, he is the proud father of three children, Charles Jr., Jennifer and Ryan. In addition to his busy family life, this year's king has been the owner of Jenco Builders for 20 years.

Oliver has also been involved with various organizations in the community. He has been a member of the local Jaycees, in which he has served as vice president and president. He has also participated in several

fund-raising activities for organizations such as St. Clare Church and St. Clare School and Our Lady of the Gulf Church.

Oliver has supported local athletic activities, such as sponsoring the BAYS soccer program for 20 years.

When asked about his reign as the King of Nereids, Oliver said, "Being king is one of the special rewards of Nereids. Other rewards include working with a group of talented men and women who have the goal to help the women of Nereids have a great ball and parade to present to the community."

Oliver had a special thank you to the captain of Nereids for her tireless efforts of dedication to the krewe and the community.



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Duke Walter G. Billups



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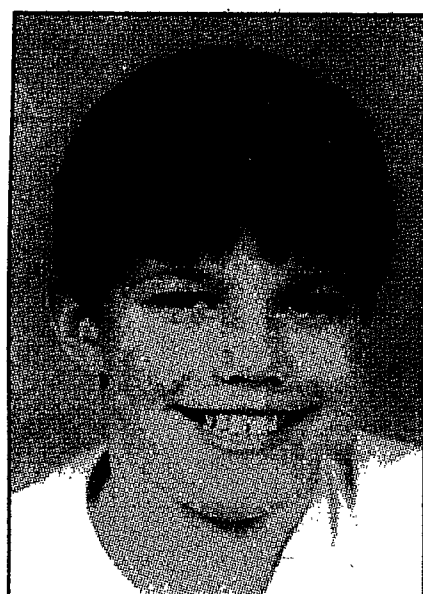
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SCOWI royalty announced

C. A. "Jack" Doyle, who reigned as King SCOWI at its ball Saturday, Feb. 17, is a retired Sgt. Major E9 of the United States Army.

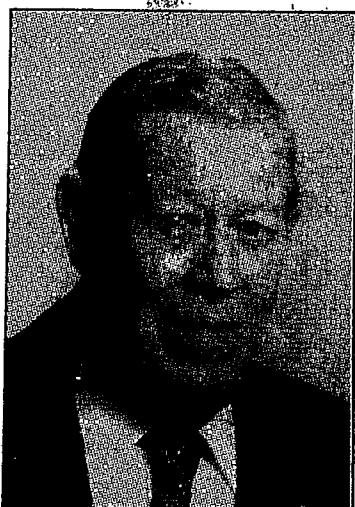
He is an active member of American Legion Post 77 and has served as its commander as well as Southern Area vice-commander. He is also a member of VFW Post 3253.

Doyle's wife is Patricia, and he is the father of Douglas Doyle and Debbie Doyle Labell; stepfather of Melanie L. Hardouin and grandfather of Christopher and Michael Labell and David Doyle.

Since his retirement in 1964 he has been a resident of Waveland. He and his wife enjoy traveling the United States in their RV.

The 2001 Queen of SCOWI is Frances Lucas. Lucas is a longtime resident of Waveland. She and her husband, Robert "Bob" Lucas, who is now deceased, had moved to Waveland from Ontario, Canada in 1959. Lucas and her family have been very active in many community organizations over the years. She was a charter member of the Krewe of Nereids and very active in Scouting and community fund raisers.

Lucas reared five daughters, Debra Mason and Patricia Callahan of Waveland, Kimberly Uram and Cynthia Taconi of Bay St. Louis, and Tracy Clay of San Antonio, Texas. She has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and enjoys traveling, reading, cooking and spending time with her family.



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Back in Time

Compiled by
Ellis C. Cuevas

1985: Workers donate funds for medical center drive

SIXTEEN-YEARS AGO

December 29, 1985 - Paved streets are among the first items on the agenda for the City of Waveland in 1986. Also included are a new police station, beach improvements, extensions of the city's water and sewerage system, redistricting and a city election.

"The biggest plans we have for the coming year concern touching up our streets and paving some that have never been paved," said Mayor John Longo Jr.

"Our goal is to have every street in the city paved." "We hope to finish during the first quarter of 1986. We're planning to spend about \$200,000," he added.

Employees of Hancock General Hospital have pledged a total of \$40,020 toward the Hancock Medical Center Development Campaign.

Employees were asked to pledge a certain amount of their paycheck for the next three years with a goal of \$35,000. (Photo) The chairmen of the various department divisions are, Carol Lewando, Charlotte Mauffray, Sissie Schindler, Luann Favre, Virginia Kenny and Jeanie Moran.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO

December 28, 1980 - Honoring American Hostages. Four and fifth grade social studies classes at North Bay Elementary School in Bay St. Louis recently honored 55 American hostages being held by student militants in Iran by tying a large yellow ribbon around a tree in their yard.

The American hostages have been held by Iran for over one year. Social studies teacher Joyce Warner said the ribbon will remain on the tree until the hostages are freed.

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THE MURAL OF THE STORY ...



Top: Pass Christian fireman David Slatten, 29, is a self-taught graphic artist. Above: A mural Slatten painted on a wall of the Pass Christian Fire Department at Second Street.

Pass fireman leaves impression on town

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

David Slatten is leaving his imprint on Pass Christian.

The 29-year-old fireman and para-medic has drawn praise and raves from Fire Chief Rich Marvil and fellow firemen for his art work emblazoned on the walls of Fire Department headquarters on Second Street and on department trucks and other equipment.

Slatten, one of five lieutenants on the 18-member fire-fighting force, is a self-taught graphic artist. He joined the Pass Christian Fire Department in October of 1997. He works a shift that requires him to be on duty 24 hours, then off for two days.

Waiting around for a fire or another kind of emergency can get pretty monotonous on a 24-hour stretch, so Slatten took it upon himself to dress up the east wall of headquarters in the area where officers drink coffee, eat, relax and watch television.

Slatten drew a map of city streets, then a replica of a fire truck. Then, he turned to painting insignias on the chief's car, the rescue unit, his helmet and the department manual. He's been invited to paint a mural on the bus used by senior citizens.

"Sketching kind of came naturally for me. Then, I got into air-brushing," said Slatten, who once painted graphics for a

IMPRESSION--PAGE 4B

Some remarks on some friends, Part 2: Heron

With the coming of the casinos, crime is occurring on a more routine basis than in years past and the Waveland police force has had to expand. Gone are the days when a police officer would come by the house, sit down, and, declining Stella's offer of some iced sun tea and pound cake, carefully explain to us that there was a problem. Gretal and Heron had run by and scared some old ladies from New Orleans.

"But, Danny," I explained. "I was with the dogs! They weren't running alone! I was driving up and down the side road letting them run alongside the car. That's the way I exercise them. I've been doing that for years. Gretal and Lillie don't run too fast, so I'm really not going all that fast. Hell, that's

our street. What were those old biddies doing there anyway?"

"I know, Mr. Paul. But the ladies were frightened when the dogs went by. Now, I know they were just visiting, but they called and made a big fuss. Everybody is upset. You know how it is. You're just going to have to figure some other way to exercise the dogs."

Well, I did and, as with many things in life, the adjustment was brought about by a change in conditions. But now it seems that the changes that we are being forced to adjust to are coming faster and faster. Some changes are good, some are not. With the casinos, we do have low unemployment plus additional revenues from the increased population and business. But to balance these advantages, there are disadvantages like having to expand our police force. I'm not sure we are

breaking even.

We have only one Weimaraner now, Jennie, but back then we had three. Now, it seems impossible to believe that at one time we had three dogs weighing between 75 and 100 pounds in the house. I guess it's a little like having babies that grow up to be teenagers that are taller than you, it happens and you don't notice it.

Having Gretal, Heron and Lillie was fun though. Gretal was a large, no-nonsense dog. Heron, on the other hand, while extremely pretty with a silver fawn coat and incredibly long eyelashes, was a little strange. I would say she was calibrated a hair left of center. Stella would say that she just wasn't always with us. I'll talk about Lillie in another column.

Gretal was our first Weimaraner and when we got her, we decided to breed her.

When the first litter of puppies (with Heron among them) came, we put them in a big welcome box. As they grew larger, we would put them on the front porch to exercise them. I would put them at one end of our 12-foot wide, 55-foot long porch and run to the other end with their food. They would chase after me, thus getting the exercise that I wanted them to have before they ate.

Invariably in their run down the long, wide porch, Heron would begin to drift to one side and before making it three quarters of the way, sometimes even before then, she would fall off the porch. When we picked her up, she would always look at us in her dainty fashion, completely confused as to what had happened.

As Heron became an adult, she and Gretal would go out with me on Herb's pier to check

our crab pots. I would pull the pots up and stick in bait and sort the catch for keepers and discards. Gretal would jump off the pier to catch the discards I threw back in the water. When she caught one, she'd bite down hard, cracking open its shell before it could nip her with its claws. Then she would take the whole crab back to the beach and eat it, shell and all. I've seen her go after one on the sand and do the same thing. She never seemed to get nipped nor develop a tummy ache from the shells.

As time went by, the pier deteriorated and planks were lost to storms. Gradually, the gaps between the planks you

could walk on became bigger and bigger. Gretal with her weight was no greyhound, and when the missing planks left spaces more than four or five feet across, she wisely quit the pier and, waded and swam alongside as Heron and I worked our way on top. Heron would continue to leap the smaller spaces or walk on the beams; the buckets I was carrying providing me balance.

As the storms came and went, the gaps grew wider. Heron kept on coming out with me, leaping across these increasing distances. She would

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Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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What's for lunch?

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Monday: Glazed Donut,

Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit

Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and

Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast,

Fruit Juice

Wednesday: French Toast

Sticks, Assorted Cereal, Toast,

Fruit Juice

Thursday: Sausage and

Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast,

Fruit Juice

Friday: Breakfast Pizza,

Assorted Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Franks and Gravy,

Ham and Cheese Sandwich

with Trimmings, Whole Kernel

Corn, Whipped Potatoes, Fresh

Apple, Peach Slices, Yeast Roll

Tuesday: Pepperoni Pizza,

Roast Beef Pobo with

Trimmings, Parslief New

Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli,

Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh

Banana, Butter Cookie

Wednesday: Chicken

Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog

Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed

Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl,

Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut

Butter Chews, Crackers

Thursday: Taco Salad, BBQ

Rib Sandwich, Cream-style

Corn, Cheesy Broccoli and

Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Bowl,

Chilled Pears

Friday: Lasagna,

Hamburger with Trimmings,

Spicy Fries, Buttered Peas,

Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical

Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with

Icing, Yeast Roll

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Elementary Schools

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Bread, Dessert, Milk

and Condiments

BREAKFAST

Monday: Breakfast Pizza,

Juice

Tuesday: Sausage Biscuit,

Juice

Wednesday: Flapstick

Thursday: Cheese Toast,

Juice

Friday: Chicken Pattie

Biscuit, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Cheesy Chicken

over Rice, Cheeseburger, Oven

Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Raw

Veggies, Peaches, Fruit Juice,

Yeast Rolls, Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans and

Rice with Sausage, Sliced

Turkey on Bun with Gravy,

Chef Salad, Ranch Baked Fries,

Cheesy Calif. Veggies, Tossed

Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit

Juice, Cornbread, Crackers,

Gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken

Gumbo, Meatball Sandwich,

Broccoli Salad, Whole Kernel

Corn, Potato Salad, Chilled

Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll,

Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Pot Roast with

Gravy, BBQ Sandwich, Chef

Salad, Whipped Potatoes,

Green Beans, Tossed Salad,

Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice,

Biscuit, Crackers, Pudding

Friday: Salisbury Steak,

Texas Grilled Cheese, Spicy

Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw,

Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast

Roll, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie

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Middle Schools

Served daily:

Chef Salad, Bread,

Dessert, Milk

and Condiments

LUNCH

Monday: Cheesy Chicken

over Rice, Meatball Sandwich,

Cheeseburger, Oven Fries,

Steamed Broccoli, Tossed

Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice,

Yeast Rolls, Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans and

Rice with Sausage, Hot Roast

on Bun with Gravy, Chef Salad,

Ranch Baked Fries, Cheesy

Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad,

Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice,

Cornbread, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken

Gumbo, Ham Pobo, Chef

Salad, French Fries, Corn on

the Cob, Tossed Salad, Chilled

Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll,

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Weddings

Schaul-Thriffiley to wed Feb. 26 at Our Lady of the Gulf

The Honorable and Mrs. Robert Francis Schaul - of Ringoes, N. J. announce the engagement of their daughter, Phoebe Frances Schaul, to Todd Nathan Thriffiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Thriffiley III, all of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of The Macduffie School and a 1997 graduate of Syracuse University College of Nursing. She is a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

She is serving in the Air Force as a first lieutenant and is employed at Keesler Medical Center Ward 3A in Biloxi.

Her grandparents are Dorothy T. Griffin of Marco Island, Fla., and the late Honorable Bryant Griffin and

the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moffat of Berkeley Heights, N. J. and the late Mr. Harry Schaul.

The future groom is a 1986 graduate of St. Stanislaus, a 1990 graduate of Millsaps College and a 1993 graduate of Mississippi College School of Law. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is an attorney in Gulfport and Bay St. Louis.

His grandparents are Lillian Thriffiley and the late Mr. James C. Thriffiley, Jr., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd English, Sr., all of Arabi, La.

Vows will be exchanged Feb. 26, 2001, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Golden Anniversary celebrated

The children and grandchildren of Doris and Woodrow Ladner invite family and friends to join the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. The couple was joined in marriage February 24, 1951 at the First Baptist Church in Pass

Christian. The celebration will take place February 24, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Catahoula Baptist Church, Hwy. 43.

The couple's children include six sons, Audie Ladner, Greg Ladner, twins Daryl and Doyle Ladner, all of the Catahoula community, Rodrick Ladner of Picayune, and Bryan Ladner of Brandon; and a daughter, Rebecca Ladner Pullens of Catahoula. They also have 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



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Births

REIS TUCKER BAUGHMAN

Sandra Ramond and Micheal Baughman of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Reis Tucker, January 16, 2001 at 6:32 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Maria Ramond of Waveland and the late Vernon C. Ramond.

Paternal grandparents are Belinda and Charles Baughman of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Edward Herndon of Waveland and Emma Baughman of Bay St. Louis.

BRITTANY BREANNA AVERY

Crystal Windham and Benjamin Avery of Pearl River, La. announce the birth of their second child, Brittany Breanna, January 24, 2001 at 1:26 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Cheryl Mills of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jimmy Windham of Picayune.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Peggy Avery of Pearl River, La.

Brittany is welcomed by her brother, David.

HARLEY DANIEL GARTH

Jerry D. Garth and Heidi L. Poyadou of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Harley Daniel, January 26, 2001 at 9:27 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Steve Poyadou of Bay St. Louis and Brenda Bell of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Linda Garth of Bay St. Louis and Jerry Garth of Crystal Springs, Miss.

Great-grandparents include Freida Poyadou and Louis Lagman of Slidell, Palmer Sullivan of Westwego, Otis and Judy Bowen of Waveland, and Cybil Garth of Crystal Springs.

NADIA LAUREN MOAK

Mr. and Mrs. James Moak of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Nadia Lauren, January 25, 2001 at 1:36 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kaiser of Amery, Wis.

Paternal grandmother is Jean Moak of McCool, Miss.

Great-grandmother is Gladys Moravec.

Nadia is welcomed by her sister, Kylie.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rito

Rito-Sharpe exchange vows

Hester Wynne Sharpe and Mark Anthony Rito, both of Slidell, were united in marriage November 11, 2000, during an outdoor ceremony held at the bride's parents home in Kiln. The Rev. Stan Proctor officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Otis D. Sharpe, Jr. of Kiln, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stephen Rito of New Iberia.

The bride is a granddaughter of Judy Wynne Smith of Gulfport and the late Col. Clifford R. Smith; Iva Hester Sharpe of Opelika, Ala., and the late Don Sharpe, Sr.

The groom is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rito of Lacombe, and Mr. and Mrs. George Boni of Eden Isles.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

The bride's gown was designed and especially made for her by her mother, her grandmother, Mrs. Smith, and her aunt, Cynde Cook. The Venice lace bodice with off-the-shoulder neckline and capped sleeves was lavished with hand-sewn beading and sequins. A pearl satin flowing skirt fell from an elongated waistline to a semi-cathedral-length train,

included embroidered lace cut-work on the skirt, train and hem, and a rose bustle over the train. The bride carried a bouquet of Virginia roses.

Attending as maid of honor was Brandi Alexis Sharpe, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids included Bridgette Albert of Slidell; Kathy and Sarah Rito, sisters of the groom; and Samantha Hoffman, cousin of the groom.

The attendants each wore an off-the-shoulder flowing gown and carried hand-tied bouquets of Virginia roses.

Flower girls were Mysti and Kasey Rito, cousins of the groom, and ring bearer was the bride's son, Jayce Sharpe.

The groom was attended by Jeff Lyle of Pearl River who served as best man; by Dane Rito, brother of the groom; by Clayton Gregory of Slidell; by Tony Cetrone, Jr. of Slidell; and by Nick Rito, cousin of the groom.

Ushers included Adam Dixon of Slidell and Joe Knighton of Picayune.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted an outdoor reception at their home.

The couple resides in Pearl River, La., following a wedding trip to Virginia Beach.

Lunches

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Thursday: Turkey and Dressing, Supreme, BBQ Sandwich, Chef Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Biscuits, Crackers, Creamsicle Dessert

Friday: Pizza, Fish Nuggets, Texas Grilled Cheese, Spicy Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie. All menus subject to change.

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Time

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Bay St. Louis Mayor Larry Bennett said Friday, "I would like to see Bay St. Louis go through with the application for a Farmers Home Loan (FmHA), as the most important thing for 1981."

"The FmHA loan and grant, if approved, would enable Bay St. Louis to extend water and sewerage to all of our residents. This is something we really need," Bennett added.

The Bay Mayor continued, "By having water and sewer lines extended to all areas including the annexed sections of Bay St. Louis, a commitment made to the people by leaders of Bay St. Louis years ago would be kept."

FORTY-ONE YEARS AGO

December 29, 1960 - Masked quartet hijacks Stieffell beverage cargo. Approximately \$2,200 in cash in addition to the \$2,700 in whiskey shipment was stolen in the Dec. 25, hijacking of a Stieffell Bros. panel truck, near Kiln. It was disclosed today by Bert Stieffell, proprietor of the company.

The State Tax Collector's office and a private investigator have entered into the probe of the hi-jacking. Sheriff Gerald V. Price, Sr. announced.

The shipment of liquor was

taken from a truck owned by Stieffell Bros., wholesale liquor dealers in Waveland. Stieffell said the truck was halted on State Highway 603 near Kiln by four armed, masked men riding in a late model car, one having a siren and hand-operated red light.

Stieffell's uncle, A.J. Stieffell, was driving the truck accompanied by Donald Dorn, a company employee. The men were tied, pillow cases pulled over their heads, and they were left by the roadside during freezing weather. Searchers found the light panel truck the same day about two miles east of the Sellers community.

FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO

December 25, 1953 - Santa Claus made his appearance at the annual Christmas party at the R.W. Taylor-School in Bay St. Louis last week. Santa appeared while the children were singing Jingle Bells. He gave out toys and fruit to the each of the kids.

The annual program was sponsored by the Mother's Club and Mrs. Howze. Members present were Mesdames Warren Carver, Fred Dahl, Marcus Gowen, Edward Kimmel, Ezelda Ling, Jewel Miller,

Harold Netto, Chester Schultz, and Warren Traub.

Ben F. Hille Sr. was picked to head the St. Stanislaus Sideline Club at the annual banquet for the Rockachaw football team last week. A.C. Mitchell was chosen first vice-president and Bill Scarborough was chosen second vice-president.

SIXTY-ONE YEARS AGO
Streets of the City are publicly lighted for Holiday Season. Municipality turns on flood of lights in color.

Board of Mayor and City Commissioners with commendable enterprise publicly illuminated the streets of the City of Bay St. Louis for the Christmas holidays this year - the first time in history.

Not to be outdone by other Coast cities and with the spirit of the season strings along and over the streets were strung from the head of Ulman Avenue (Highway 90 at the intersection of the bridge), to the head of Washington Street.

At the head of Main Street the lines were crisscrossed, the same at Ulman Avenue and Union Streets. Mayor Blaize and Commissioners Bourgeois and Perkins naturally were proud of this achievement.

Impression

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Slidell sign company. He proudly admits one of his air-brush designs of a Harley Davidson on a T-shirt recently took fourth prize in a national contest.

Slatten, who grew up in Fort Collins, Colo., comes to Pass Christian via the Navy and California. He did a four-year hitch as a quartermaster in the Navy, most of which took him to California and Japan.

He came to the Mississippi Coast six years ago when his mother decided to settle in Long Beach.

So, how did he decide to become a fireman?

"It's just something I always

wanted to do," said Slatten. After gaining certification as a full-fledged fireman, Slatten went one step further. He is also a certified paramedic, working part-time for American Medical Response.

"I like having the opportunity to help people," said Slatten, "And, it's even more rewarding if I can save someone's life." He recalls fondly a note sent by a woman thanking him for saving her husband's life. "He really wasn't in that much danger. He was having trouble breathing, so I administered oxygen," said Slatten.

Although he loves firefight-

ing, Slatten has bigger goals. He married an Air Force brat named Penny four years ago and they have a three-and-a-half month-old son, Conner.

Slatten is now attending Jefferson Davis Community College where he's working toward a bachelor's degree, then he plans to apply for admission to the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

"After that, I want to apply to medical school," said Slatten.

Seeing the resolve on the young fireman's face, one has no doubt he'll achieve that goal and more.

Views

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start at the pier's shore side with me and race ahead, leaping the open spaces until she reached the end platform, where she would wait for me.

But the storms eventually won.

When Stella and I walked toward the pier after one storm, we could see there were an unusual amount of missing planks. I tried to stop Heron, but she had already left our

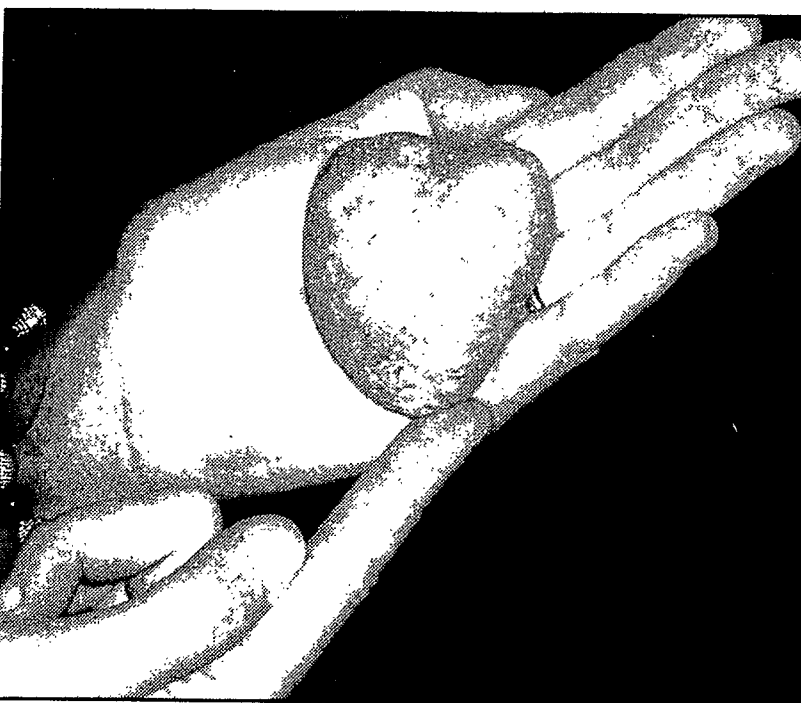
side and was racing to the pier. Her momentum carried her halfway down the length of the pier, each of her leaps covering unbelievable distances. She was beautiful to watch, touching down on two, sometimes only one plank and then leaping the next space on and on with a ballet grace.

Then there was a gap too wide for even her to vault and

she fell down with a hard splash into the water. We ran to help her. She seemed confused and Stella gave her a lot of "there, there's" and took her back to the house.

I stayed and went to where Gretel was barking at the end of the pier informing us that we were missing all the crabs.

Love Spud!



Peggy Lucia of Bay St. Louis got a special treat for Valentine's Day - a heart-shaped Idaho spud she found in a bag of red potatoes she purchased at a local grocery store.

Mardi Gras, Hot Diggity Dog to highlight story hours

"Mardi Gras" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Gaston Goes to Mardi Gras is the book to be read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making their own Mardi Gras mask.

"Hot Diggity Dog" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m.

Harry, the Dirty Dog, Chewy Louie and My Dog Talks are the books to be read during the program. Children will make their own Harry, the dirty dog puppet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282, or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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The Waveland Civic Association recently donated \$6,555 to the Hancock County Sheriff's office for services of a K-9 dog. From left are: Deputy Thomas Powell, Jay Fountain, President of the Association, Sheriff Steve Garber, and Association treasurer David A. Garcia.

AARP to meet in Waveland at Post 77 Monday -- with dancers

The AARP meeting will be conducted at American Legion Post 77 Monday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m.

The new officers for 2001 are Mary Gilmore, president; Mayola Rotherham, vice president; Gertrude Helwig, secretary; and Al Mahe, treasurer.

The Diamondhead Line Dancers will perform.

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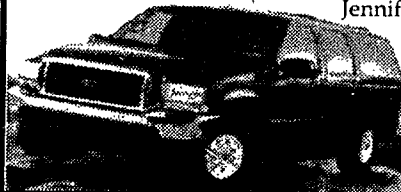
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Whom do you trust completely?

"Trust is not given; it is earned," goes the time-honored saying. If we value our freedom, our safety, our mental and physical health, our livelihood and our spiritual integrity, we have no choice but to show trust only to people who earn it by their attitudes, their values and their track record.

That leaves out a ton of people; in fact, by far most people. As Father Arthur Winters, S.V.D. was wont to say: "Don't take it personally. It's not that I don't trust you. I don't trust anybody."

We understand, of course, that he said that partly tongue in cheek. Still, by any measure his statement is biting, almost cynical. But, really, how many people are worthy of implicit, unconditional trust?

That kind of trust would mean, for instance, that I would be willing to delegate to some person(s) all I would think, say and do for my own benefit. In other words, if I were unconscious or otherwise incapacitated for a considerable period of time, I would not hesitate to entrust myself entirely to them.

It means my peace of mind would not be compromised at all if I gave such a person the keys to my house, to my car, to my safe, to my post office box, to my personal, most confidential files, and, finally, to my heart.

To say the least, such a trusted person is the rarest of birds. That said, however, we run into the strangest, most curious of human situations where we compromise our safety, integrity, freedom, health and almost everything else without a whimper of alarm, protest or evasive actions.

I refer to the sloth-based trust we put in others without inquiry, checkups or safety measures because we are too lazy, too apathetic or too complacent to monitor them. In other words, we deserve whatever we get whenever we take no time to ferret out problems and to protect ourselves.

Admittedly, we have to compromise sometimes, lest we worry ourselves to death about things we cannot control. There is a staggering number of situations which fall under this category. For instance, we put full faith and trust in restaurants, although we cannot be sure they are not poisoning us.

Short of poisoning us, we can hardly ever be sure some vicious, spiteful nerd is not contaminating the food with bodily or other noxious substances.

After all, the appearances of toxic or disgusting elements are

at times not very different from the appearances of normal servings or dressings.

Yet, with hardly ever a flickering thought or fear, we accept what people serve us in restaurants, at banquets and numerous other functions.

Here is where we mix faith, the acceptance of something on the word of another, with trust, the willingness to risk one's well-being in the hands of others.

We also trustingly make ourselves vulnerable to all sorts of mischief by our willing attendance at games, concerts and other programs in huge arenas and stadiums. At any given moment, our backs are turned to hundreds, sometimes thousands of people who, we trust, are not going to harm us.

In spite of the oft-shabby performance of maintenance mechanics and manufacturers who on occasion even falsify their records on failed tires and vehicles, most of us go on using the same vehicles, tires and other equipment which have caused great expenses, grief and even loss of life.

It does not stop there, but goes on to weightier and far more consequential things when we put our sloth-driven trust in bad politicians simply because we do not have the initiative and the gumption to vote them out of office. This kind of trust makes the strangest and most dangerous of bedfellows.

Both the Old and New Testaments either equate faith with trust (hope), or certainly include trust in faith hundreds of times, exhorting all believers to have faith in God come what may. The Psalms in particular, the Gospels and all the letters constantly urge us to put all our stock in God, in Jesus Christ.

Whom do you trust completely? So completely that you are convinced that the person will never betray you by idle or vicious gossip, never put selfish, material considerations before your needs, never compromise your general well-being, and give you the benefit of the doubt wherever possible?

Is there anyone whom you trust to say behind your back only what is said to your face, and to affirm you at all times without bias from ugly friends?

Well, I guess we have to admit only God fits that description adequately.

No wonder the whole Bible makes that point repeatedly. Somehow, then, we have to find a way to earn the trust of others by living the Good News.

UM professor leads church members back to Mayberry

By Alicia Morris

In a time when people are rushing from one place to another with more things to do and less time to do them in, there seems to be a yearning to go back to the simpler form of life. It's a life where you have time to say, "hello," wave, or bake pies. It's a yearning to go back to Mayberry, according to University of Mobile professor Dr. Larry Turner.

Mayberry, the fictional setting of the 1960s Andy Griffith Show, is an idealistic small town with a sheriff who does not carry a weapon and a deputy who carries the bullet for his gun in his front shirt pocket. The show's memorable characters live a simple, happy life in their small town.

"Mayberry represents a simple life and what is good. People cared very much about one another. People laughed about things, but never laughed at or made fun of people. In the hectic, unsettled world that we live in, we all long for this simple life," said Dr. Turner, associate professor of education at LTM.

Dr. Turner, who admires the concept of the simple Mayberry life, leads a "Mayberry Bible Study" at his church, First Baptist Chatom, where he serves as deacon.

Before presenting the idea to his pastor, Dr. Turner put a lot of thought into this idea. He was concerned that this type of study might be too secular, but felt assured after searching the scriptures.

"I realized that even Jesus taught in parables. When he was dealing with fishermen, he was talking about fishing. When he was talking with farmers, he was talking about planting seeds . . . he dealt with people where they were, and that's what this study does," said Dr. Turner.

The Mayberry Bible Study was developed in 1998 by Joey Fann of Twickenham Church of Christ in Huntsville, Ala. Fann, a long time-fan of the Andy Griffith Show, noticed that in each episode a moral lesson was implied. In some of the shows, the lesson went even deeper, to a spiritual level.

"This show routinely portrays some of the basic principles and morals that we as Christians hold dear to our hearts. Values such as honesty, integrity, character, forgiveness and responsibility are presented in ways in which we can identify. The show is filled with the basic morals and Christian principles taught by the Scriptures," said Fann.

Fann believes that this study, which has spread across the U.S. and into Canada, is successful because the Andy Griffith Show is familiar and timeless.

"This study is a new way to view old concepts, a novel way of looking at scripture. It provides a real casual but mind-catching atmosphere. One reason it does is because it's visual.

Being able to see situations on screen that match our own lives helps us to better relate biblical concepts.

People open up more in our discussion time than they normally would in a normal Bible study where they tend to be more reserved," said Fann.

Dr. Turner learned of this Bible study from his brother, Doug Turner, pastor of First Baptist Church Roanoke, who started the study at his church this past fall.

"I found this study on the Internet. I am a '60s child and have always liked the Mayberry stuff. So, I jumped at the idea," said Turner.

This different kind of Bible study has been a success at First Baptist Roanoke.

"In these classes, we have had good attendance and excitement about what we're doing. I think it

has worked so well because most of the people have seen the shows and relate to them, but also because it's just fun," said pastor Turner.

The success of the study at FBC Roanoke, led Dr. Larry Turner to pursue the study at his church.

Dr. Robert Kirkland, pastor of First Baptist Chatom, agreed with Dr. Turner about the idea.

"I was open to it. This kind of study is thought provoking. It brings biblical passages to life and brings traditional values into discussion using humor. It has definitely brought a greater interest towards the traditional values," said Kirkland.

During a typical Sunday afternoon class, Dr. Turner or Bob Jenkins, member of First Baptist Church Chatom, who serves as assistant to Dr. Turner, plays an episode of the Andy Griffith Show.

After the video is completed, he begins a discussion about the moral implications in the episode. The participants offer their views and then Dr. Turner leads them through the scriptures that relate to these morals.

"I feel that it is important for a church to do this kind of a Bible study because it is a lesson in practical Christianity," Dr. Turner said.

Chatom, county seat of Washington County, is a small rural town. Only two traffic lights are located in the entire county; one is located in Chatom.

Elsie Williams, member of First Baptist Church Chatom, also thinks that this study is applicable to life in her small town.

"The Andy Griffith Show is so down to earth and the morals are so good. It shows us what family life and a community should be like," said Williams.

The main theme Dr. Turner has found in this study is in dealing with people. Many of the values that are exemplified in the show are about respect for authority and raising children.

"The values in the Andy Griffith show so often are about dealing with people - how to get along with your friends, your family, people in authority.

"The central value in each episode is dealing with people and caring about people enough to go the extra mile to help them. It makes us question the values we have as adults and what we pass on to our children," Turner said.

Dr. Turner said that Chatom, because it is a small town, can invoke these lessons of practical Christianity very easily.

Turner said the class has discussed how Andy's character often personifies an ideal Christian - one who looks for an opportunity to help someone else, even when there seems to be no answer to their problems.

They further analyzed Andy's character and realized that he tries to make the best of each situation, while Barney, the antagonist, always feels that it is too much of an inconvenience to try to help someone and continually has to be coerced by Andy. The class discussed how most people are probably more like Barney when they should be more like Andy.

Dr. Turner said these concepts can be applied to everyday life. He also said the ideas of the show easily transcend into his family life. "It helps me with my 12-year-old daughter, Jordi. Just seeing how Andy dealt with Opie - he gave him a little rope, not demanding him to follow a strict set of rules.

"He may sometimes let Opie make an actual mistake that would not be terribly harmful, but he knew that if he let Opie make the mistake, he would learn from it and come back and realize that he had messed up," Dr. Turner said.

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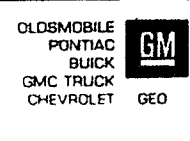


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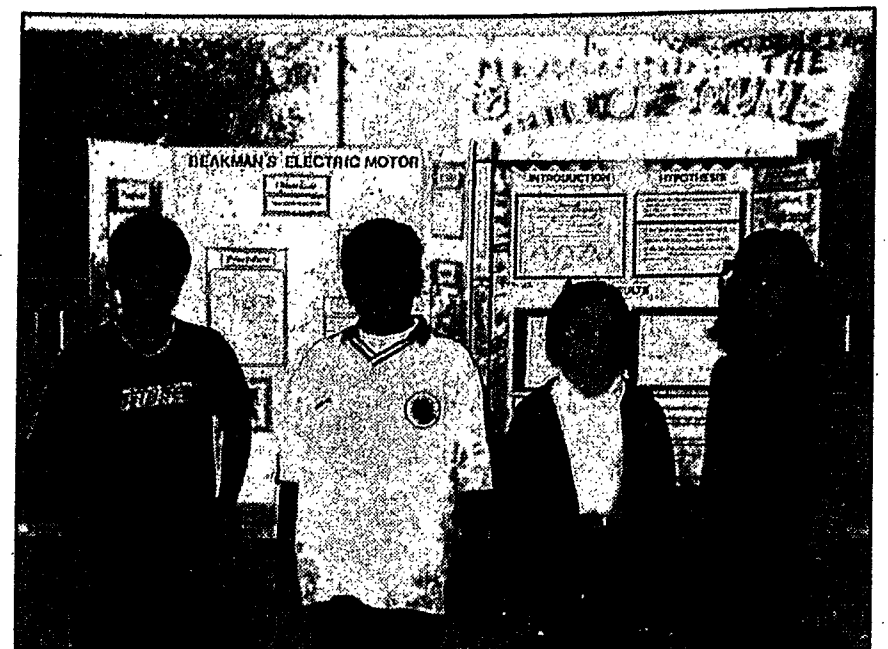
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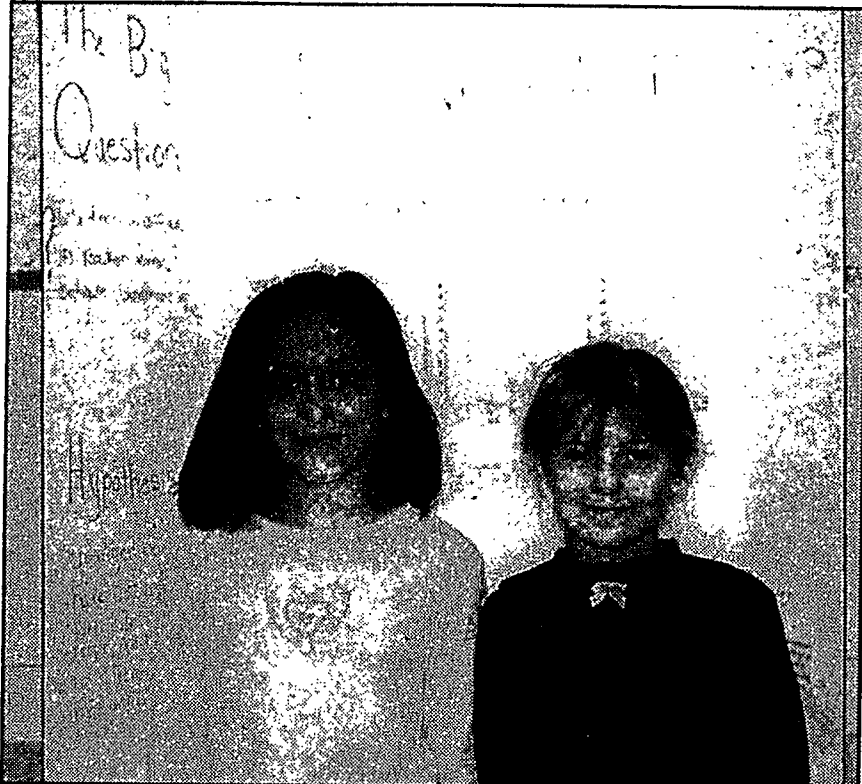
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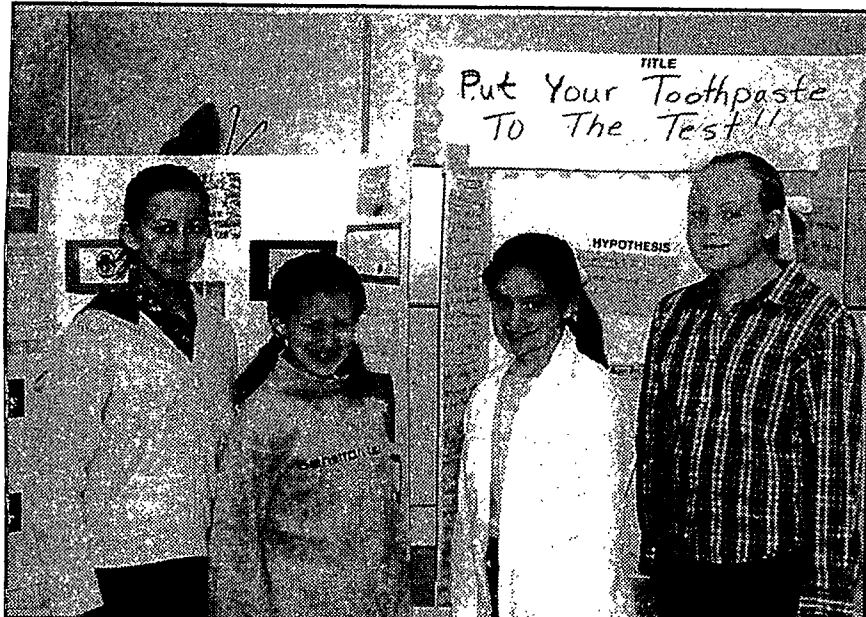
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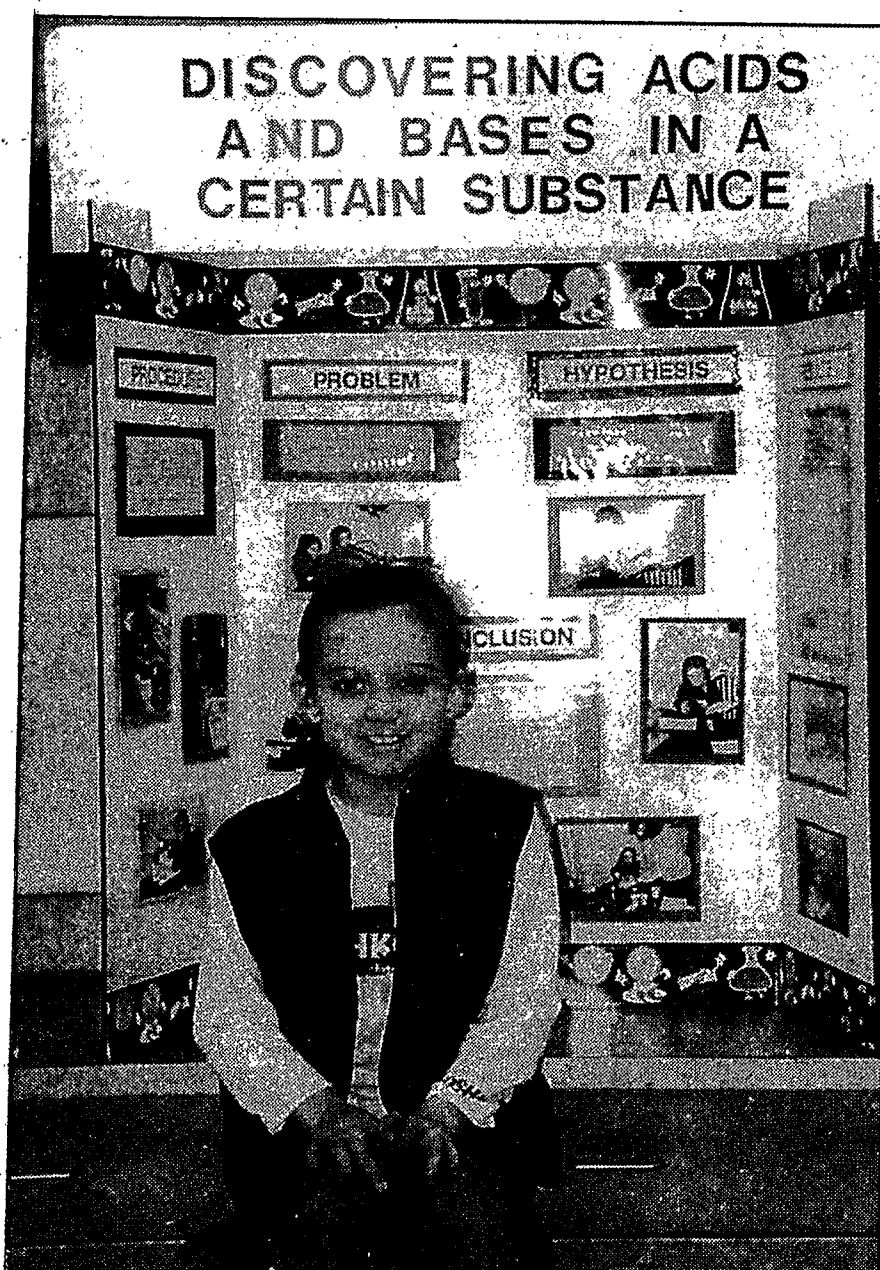
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Math, Computers, Earth and Space grades 4-5 EHE Science Fair winners include Chelsea Wahl, Bailey Stewart, Sam McElveen, John McElveen, Keith Wall, Dillon Shiyu and Hank Breazeale.



Zoology, Medicine and Health grades 4-5 EHE Science Fair Winners include Lacie Cwiklik, Derae Graham, Breneé Ferrell and Courtney Moran.



Chemistry and Biochemistry grades K-3 EHE Science Fair winners are Elizabeth Boozer and Wil Adamec, not pictured.

East Hancock Elementary held its 2001 Science Fair with more than 125 students participating. At the conclusion, the following students were announced as the winners and some will proceed to the Regional Science Fair in Biloxi in February.

Botany and Microbiology grades 4-5:

Kelsey Rideout, first place; Wes Sanderford, second place; Jocelyn Laudisi, third place; Melissa Altman, honorable mention; and Duston Peterson, honorable mention.

Physics and Engineering grades K-3:

Nikki Wild, first place; Laura Wilson, second place; Blair Hoda, third place; and Sarah Boozer, honorable mention.

Physics and Engineering grades 4-5:

Allston Lumpkin, first place; Shelby Wild, second place; Melissa Wilson, third place; Taylor Dearman, honorable mention; and Danny Cuervo, honorable mention.

Behavioral and Social Science grades K-3:

Bailey Hoda, first place, and Kristina Wheat, second place.

Behavioral and Social Science grades 4-5:

Jaymie Shaw, first place; Emily Dracon, second place; and Ryan Miller, third place.

Math, Computers, Earth and Space grades 4-5:

Hank Breazeale, first place; Chelsea Wahl, first place;

Dillon Shiyu, second place; Bailey Stewart, third place; John McElveen, honorable mention; Keith Wall, honorable mention; and Sam McElveen, honorable mention.

Zoology, Medicine and Health grades 4-5:

Courtney Moran, first place; Derae Graham, second place; Breneé Ferrell, third place; and Lacie Cwiklik, honorable mention.

Chemistry and Biochemistry grades K-3:

Elizabeth Boozer, first place, and Wil Adamec, second place.

Chemistry and Biochemistry grades 4-5:

Jessica Jelinski, first place; D.J. Bourgeois, second place; Jordan Talley, third place; and Casey Poulton, honorable mention.

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Births

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Paternal grandparents are Larry and Katherine Robinson of Patton, Mo.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weber, Audrey Monica, Pearl Robinson and Ruby Wilfong.

ARIELLE DANIELLE SCHWARTZ

Tracy Schwartz of Bay St. Louis announces the birth of a daughter, Arielle Danielle, January 17, 2001 at 4:51 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

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CREDIT, NO PROBLEM, 2000 KIA Sportage, red, loaded, 12k miles, factory warranty, notes \$198 up, 25 SUV's in stock. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune 1(800)798-9133.

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Vacation Rentals

FRENCH QUARTER CONDO. 1/BR, nicely furnished, clean, \$89 per night, 2 night minimum. 504-390-0006.

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Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

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Roommates Wanted

PRIVATE RESIDENCE: PRIVATE ROOM, bath, kitchen, laundry facilities, local phone \$275/mo. One-third electric, deposit, weekly rates available. 467-7858.

SHARE 60 FT. TRAILER AT WHEEL INN Trailer Park. \$350 per month, including all utilities. 467-7678.

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Rooms For Rent

ROOM & BATH FOR RENT. 255-9246.

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Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC, CARPET, stove, refrigerator, water included. Starting at \$350/month, \$300/deposit. Lease required. 463-0043, 467-3935.

2/BR, DUPLEX 1 1/2 BATH. 1710 McLaurin Waveland. 467-3601.

207 UNION ST. APT A. LUXURY APT. 2 bedroom, 2 baths, large room, efficiency kitchen, all utilities paid. 504-482-0689. Pet/smoke free.

SPECIAL!
\$85⁰⁰
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Gulf Grove Apartments
2057 Waveland Ave.
Waveland, MS 39576

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Apartments For Rent

ALL YOU NEED
IS \$25.00
FIRST MONTH
FREE
OAK VILLA APTS.
707 E. North St.
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452-7005
NO DEPOSIT to qualified applicants.
2BR - \$454.00 • 3BR - \$517.00
Includes w/s & basic cable

B.S.L. EXTRA NICE STUDIO. 1ST months rent free, deposit required. Stove, refrigerator, c/a, ch, off street parking. 452-7192.

BAY ST. LOUIS 1 BEDROOM, newly renovated. Central air/heat, water paid, washer/dryer furnished. \$395/month. 201 S. Necaise. 467-2053.

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CHARMING 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APTS. Near beach. 467-6742.

DOWNTOWN BSL, 105 STATE STREET, #1, upstairs loft apartment with bath & kitchen appliances, \$400/month, \$400/deposit, year's lease. Pet-free 467-7285, 467-2596.

FURNISHED WATERFRONT APARTMENT, includes: electric, cable, telephone, water sewer, trash pick-up. \$175/wk. + deposit. 463-0036.

LARGE 1/BR, COTTAGE, FURNISHED, boat-dock, pool, near Casino Magic. \$525/month. \$300/deposit. 467-5628, or 388-4501.

NICE 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH TOWN home with patio plus pool side view. \$575/month. Call 467-3388.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS in Waveland 2 bedroom apartments at \$495. Call about our specials plus 10% off seniors 55 and over. 467-6882.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. Finally a 1/br. apartment home available. Call about free rent. 452-9901.

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Mobile Homes For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOMS FURNISHED & UNFURNISHED, weekly/monthly. Laundry mat. Cable available. Close to Nasa & Port Bienville Ms. 228-533-7001.

1 BEDROOM TRAILER PARTIALLY furnished, private lot one mile past the alligator sign on Hwy 90. \$300/mo. \$100/dep. 467-3827.

2/BR 1/BATH TRAILER FOR RENT in the Kiln. Pet-free environment. 255-9397.

3/BR, 11/2 BATHS, PARTIALLY furnished. Free water, sewage. Near laundry mat. Pearlaring Ms. 228-533-7001

FOR RENT: 1994 16X80 TRAILER, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, \$400/month, \$300/deposit. 228-467-7982 (if no answer leave message.)

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME. Available after 2/18/2001. Bay Waveland area. \$350 rent & \$150 security deposit required. Home 601-796-5991 cell 601-702-3377.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT, UTILITIES paid. \$125 deposit, \$125 week. 466-0315.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT: PET-FREE. 467-0853.

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Mobile Homes For Sale

\$2000 MATCH REFUND. CHAMPION Home Center "Refund Madness". Purchase any new manufactured home and we'll match your tax refund up to \$2000. Special offer for those who don't receive a refund. Some restrictions apply. Call for details. 831-0068 or toll free 866-831-0068.

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Mobile Homes For Sale

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FILL DIRT ♦ TOP SOIL ♦ LIMESTONE
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Mobile Homes For Sale

FOR SALE: 14X66 TRAILER. 1989 2 bedroom, good condition, \$6,000 or best offer. 533-7366.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency. 467-4607 or 467-1152.

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Unfurn. Houses Rent

1 BEDROOM COTTAGE FOR RENT: all utilities included. \$550/month plus deposit. 467-6007.

1 BEDROOM COTTAGE JUST outside the city limits. \$300 month, pet-free. Key Properties. 467-0600.

2-BEDROOM COTTAGE. SCREENED porch, view of the beach, water furnished. \$575. a month. 467-6029.

3 BEDROOM, 3 BATH, VERY LARGE HOUSE in Waveland. Many extras. 504-392-4126.

3/BR, 2 FULL BATHS, LIVING room, den, & kitchen with refrigerator & stove. \$550/mo. 265 Washington Street, and Third Ave. B.S.L. Section 8 welcome. 831-3669.

3/BR, 2/B4, FENCED, CENTRAL A/H, stove, refrigerator, w/d hook-ups. \$650/mo. \$400/dep. Located 8019 Hancock Dr. Bayside Park. Call 466-2654.

4154 LAKE ST. LEASE/PURCHASE 3-5 bedrooms, totally renovated, \$675/mo. Special financing available. Prudential Gardner. 864-4441. Page Gwen 880-1150 for showing.

ALMOST NEW HOUSE FOR LEASE, in Diamondhead. 3/2, high ceilings, clean & nice. 986 Kaimuki Ct. \$875 Call 255-7702.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, great room, den, washer/dryer, fireplace, very clean. Pet-free environment \$825/month plus deposit. 467-7345.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 bath duplex, B.S.L. \$850/month. 2BR, 1BA in the County, \$550/month. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.

HOUSE FOR RENT AS OF FEB. 15TH. 141 Market St. Call 467-7678.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 388 MARKET Ave., Pass Christian. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, \$500/month, \$500/deposit. Available March 1. 864-9427 or 493-5980.

LARGE 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, Bay St. Louis. 1 block to bay. Central ac/heat. \$500/month, \$400/deposit. Also 2/br, 1/ba duplex Old Town. \$450/mo. + deposit. One block from beach. Pet/smoke-free. Sailfish Realty. 467-1380.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, FROM \$750 PER month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

LIKE NEW! DIAMONDHEAD 3/BR, 2/BA, \$835/mo. Call Marilyn 255-7711 255-3550.

SMALL 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, W/D hook-ups, screen porch. \$465/month, \$350/deposit. 467-5653.

WATERFRONT HOME: 3 Bedrooms, 3 baths, high ceilings, hardwood floors. On 2 lots. \$700/month. Pet-free. Key Properties. 467-0600.

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Furn. House Rent

2/BR, BEACH VIEW. \$500/MO. PLUS utilities. 466-0509.

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Lots/Acreage

2 CORNER LOTS, PAVED ROAD near Highway 90 Business District, B.S.L. \$6,500 neg. 255-7390.

ALMOST AN ACRE AND A HALF BEAUTIFUL wooded land, \$1,000 down, low notes, we finance. Stockstill Picayune area. 1-800-798-9133.

DIAMONDHEAD: 9.678 ACRES FOR sale. Development site for 164 units as Condominiums, Multi-family, or Retirement Housing Facility. Owner Financing Available. Ellis Realty Group, 102 West Beach Blvd. Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228)452-9999.

LAND FOR LEASE, CATTLEMAN, FARMERS, & hunters. Ask for Andrew Lot. 861-8330.

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Lots/Acreage

LAND FOR SALE: 4 LOTS 100'X200' inside City limits. Paved street. 466-4787 or 467-4489.

MOBILE HOME LOTS, WAVELAND and Pass Christian area with well and septic. Owner financing. \$500/down Call McKenzie Realty. 392-0039.

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Commercial Property

7 ACRES JUST OUTSIDE DIAMONDHEAD adjacent to new storage facility and office plaza. Will sell all or part. 255-0403.

DOCTOR OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE 1200 sq. ft. next to Hancock Medical Center. \$850/mo. 467-8392 467-5516.

FOR RENT: 1200 SQ. FT. COMMERCIAL building. Downtown Bay St. Louis. 586-2344.

FOR RENT: 215 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND. GOOD location, heavy traffic, small building 504-286-3819 leave message on recorder.

FOR SALE OR LEASE: HWY 603 AT Twin Bayou, 1 acre, excellent business locations. 500' w/1, 150 on the Hwy zoned C-2. City water & sewer, \$700/month or \$89,500. 342-0246.

NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING for rent just behind Diamondhead. Corner of Kapalama and Tina Lander Road. \$400/per month. 255-0403.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: HWY 90 1200 sq. ft. Call 467-4437 467-5516.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR lease 804 Hwy 90 BSL. 1200 square feet. 467-4594.

SEVERAL EXCELLENT BUSINESS Locations Hwy 603 & Waveland Kiln Cut-off. High traffic count & visibility. 342-0965.

STORAGE DIAMONDHEAD, CLEAN, dry, safe. \$10.00 off 1st month, check our prices. Call Todd 255-7992.

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to subscribe to
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159 Houses For Sale

WATERFRONT - \$78,500
Minutes to Jourdan River on canal,
3BR/2BA, w/bonus room, FP, skylights,
new ac, refrig., & stove.
Assumable FHA Mortgage
for qualified buyer.
Call Gold Coast
467-4479 or 493-2679 (cell)

FOR SALE: NEW 3BR, 2BA, BRICK
home on 2 acres in Kiln Ms. Asking
\$100,000. O.B.O. 601-749-0014.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROP-
ERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing
cost. Agents protected O/A (504)908-
7653.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME CALL
Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607
or 467-6004.

NEW 3BDRM, 2 BATH HOME ON corner
lot in a quiet neighborhood. Ceramic tile
& carpet, open floor plan \$84,000. Key
Properties, 467-0600.

OWNER FINANCE: 2 bedroom home,
\$23,000. Needs water & sewer hook-ups.
5030 Evelyn Place, Cleveland Gold
Coast, 467-4479, cell 493-2679.

OWNER FINANCING - 2BD, 1BA, central
air/heat, all appliances, Porch & deck
Call Ms. Wells, 467-1951.

REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE! 3BR, cat-
hedral ceilings, fireplace, 245 Pine
Ridge, Waveland, \$85,000. Gold Coast,
467-4479, cell 493-2679.

WILSON ST. OFF HARBOR DR., 2 bed-
room, 1 bath, new heat pump. Sit on 1/3
of an acre fenced for privacy. \$65,000.
Call Gold Coast Realty for more info
228-467-4479.

Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ex relatio
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERSUS
THIRTY NINE THOUSAND TEN DOLLARS
(\$39,010.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY
(BENJAMIN PENA)

SUMMONS
Civil Action, File No. 00-0418
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: BENJAMIN PENA

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in
this Court, by the State of Mississippi, ex relatio Missis-
sippi Department of Public Safety, Plaintiffs, seeking
forfeiture of Thirty Nine Thousand and 10/100 Dol-
lars in United States currency (\$39,010.00).

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written re-
sponse to the Complaint filed against you in this action
to Christopher L. Schmidt, Assistant District Attorney,
Post Office Box 1180, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and
whose street address is 1801 23rd Street, Gulfport,
Mississippi 39501.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIV-
ERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE
4 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001, WHICH IS THE DATE
OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS.
IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIV-
ERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE EN-
TERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER
RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with
the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after-
ward.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court this 1
day of Feb. 2001
(SEAL)

Pamela T. Metzler
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT,
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
By Karen L. Ruhl

2/4 2/11, 2/18/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CARROLL E. GLINDMEYER, DECEASED
EXERCUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANKOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30
day of June 2000, by the Chancery Court of Hancock
County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix on
the estate of Carroll E. Glindmeyer, deceased, notice is
hereby given to all persons having claims against said
estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for
probate and registration according to the law within
ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of
this notice or they will be forever barred.
This 8th day of February, 2001
JOYCE B. GLINDMEYER
Executrix
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/01

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LENOX SHAW, DECEASED
BY: GLORINE WILSON AND CECILIA DOT SHAW,
PETITIONERS

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 2001-070
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF LENOX SHAW,
DECEASED.

You have been made a Defendant in the estate filed in
this Court by GLORINE WILSON AND CECILIA DOT
SHAW initiating a civil action alleging that GLORINE
WILSON AND CECILIA DOT SHAW, JEFFREY
SHAW, MILTON BLANE SHAW, JANIS SHAW DE-
DEAUX, BETTY SHAW FARMER AND JEFFERSON
DAVIS SHAW named in the complaint are the sole and
only heirs at law of LENOX SHAW, deceased, and
seeking an adjudication of such heirship.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the
complaint or petition filed against you in this action at
9:30 O'Clock A.M. on the 19th day of March, 2001, in
the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court
at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520
and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judg-
ment will be entered against you for the money or other
things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading
but you may do so if you desire.
You must also file the original of your response with the
Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after-
ward.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 6th
day of February, 2001.
(Seal)

Timothy Keller
Chancery Clerk
Bay St. Louis
Hancock County, MS 39520
By: Janet Ladner
Deputy Clerk
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2001

BID ADVERTISEMENT
Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County
School Board in the office of the Superintendent, 17304
Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556 until Thursday, March 1,
2001 at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

BAND UNIFORMS
Specifications may be obtained at the Office of Super-
intendent or by calling Lynel Necaise at (228)255-0378
or faxing request to (228)255-0378. All bids should be
sealed and marked plainly on the outside of the sealed
envelope, "BID ENCLOSED FOR BAND UNIFORMS".
The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities and
to reject any and all bids.

Mike Ladner
Superintendent of Education
2/11, 2/18/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DOWNTON PETER GUILLOT, SR., DECEASED
CYNTHIA GUILLOT, PETITIONER

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 2001-092
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DOWNTON
PETER GUILLOT, SR., DECEASED

You have been made a defendant in the suit filed in this
Court by Cynthia Guillot, Petitioner, seeking to estab-
lish the heirs at law of Dwight Peter Guillot, deceased.
Defendants in this action other than you are: Slavery
Lynn Guillot, Dwight Peter Guillot, Jr., Robin Colleen
Guillot, Destin Gage Guillot, and Derrick John Guillot.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the
complaint or petition filed against you in this action at
9:30 a.m. in the Chancery Court of the 20th day of
March, 2001 in the Chancery Court of Hancock County,
Mississippi, and in the event of your failure to appear
and defend a judgment will be entered against you for
the relief or other things demanded in the complaint or
petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other plead-
ing, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this
7th day of February 2001.
(SEAL)

Tim A. Keller, Chancery Clerk
By: Erica Candebat
Deputy Clerk
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2001

NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEAR-
ING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAVE-
LAND ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001, AT
THE CITY WAVELAND BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL
ANNEX, 307 COLEMAN AVENUE, WAVELAND, MIS-
SISSIPPI, AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW-
ING:

Rodney Carr requests a variance from the minimum lot
size requirement in order to create two parcels from a
parcel of land he owns located in the 700 Block of Boyd
Street and Zimmerman Lane.

Legal description is: Block 3, Lots 14 & 27 & E. 1/2 of
15 & 26, Waveland Gateway Subdivision, City of Wave-
land, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Daren and Tricia Lowery requests a variance of 4' from the
required side yard setback and 10' from the re-
quired rear yard setback in order to construct a detach-
ed garage located on their property located at
135 Hartline Drive.

Legal description is: Lots 4 & 5, Five Oaks Place, City
of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND AND
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.
For additional information phone 466-2549, between
the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through
Friday.

Christine Gallagher
Zoning Official
2/11, 2/15, 2/18/01

Public Notices

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
JOHN W. CONRAD, JR. IF LIVING, IF NOT, HIS UN-
KNOWN DEVISEES, WEIRS OR ASSIGNS; MIKE
MOORE, ATTORNEY AT LAW; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;
TIM A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; CONO CARANNA, DIS-
TRICT ATTORNEY OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSIS-
SIPPI; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS, FIRMS,
OR CORPORATIONS, HAVING OR CLAIMING TO
HAVE TITLE, RIGHT OF INTEREST IN THE
SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
NO. 2001-080

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: John W. Conrad, Jr. If living, if not his unknown
heirs, devisees and assigns, who are not to be found in
the State of Mississippi after diligent search and in-
quiry. Any and all persons, firms or corporations having or
claiming to have any title, right or interest in and to the
subject real property, whose identities and last known
places of residence, street and post office addresses
are and remain unknown after diligent search and in-
quiry by Plaintiff, ascertain name, said property de-
scribed as Lot 6, Block 2, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2,
Unit 6, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississip-
pi, and a subdivision of the Chancery Court of Hancock
County, Mississippi and bearing tax map number
page 298 in aforesaid office.

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE
SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY CHRISTOPHER
PHILLIPS, SEEKING COMPLAINT OF FORFEITURE
FORFEITED TAX LAND PATENT, DEFENDANTS
OTHER THAN YOU IN THIS ACTION ARE JOHN W.
CONRAD, JR. MIKE MOORE, CONO CARANNA, TIM
A. KELLAR, ANY AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PER-
SONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND
AGAINST THIS COMPLAINT OR PETITION FILED
AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK
A.M. ON THE 19th day of March, 2001, IN THE
COURTROOM OF THE CHANCERY COURT, AT BAY ST
HANKOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT BAY ST
LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAIL-
URE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND A JUDGMENT WILL
BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR
OTHER THINGS DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT
OR PETITION.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR
OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU
DESIRE.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2
day of February, 2001
(SEAL)

Timothy A. Keller
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Erica Candebat D.C.

DATED 2/2/01
2/4 2/11 2/18/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
KENNETH FRIAR, ETUX PLAINTIFFS
MR. AND MRS. NEIL P. GAUTIER
a/k/a MR. AND MRS. NEIL GAUTHIER, DEFENDANTS
ETAL

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)
Case No. 2001-082

To Mr. and Mrs. Neil P. Gautier a/k/a Mr. and Mrs.
Neil Gauther, whose last known address is 2833 Guer-
re Drive, Violet, LA, but whose present address, both
post office and street address is unknown after diligent
search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at
law of Mr. and Mrs. Neil P. Gautier a/k/a Mr. and Mrs.
Neil Gauther, whose post office and street addresses
are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and all
and other persons having or claiming a legal or equi-
table interest in the following land:

Lot 38, Square 1, Jourdan River Shores, Phase 1, Han-
cock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of
said subdivision, recorded in the office of the Chancery
Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in
this Court by Kenneth Friar and Myrnie Orlate Friar,
Plaintiffs, whose address is c/o David M. Necaise, Esq.,
125 Main Street, Suite E, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil suit
alleging ownership of the above described property and
seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a
written answer either admitting or denying upon the
complaint in the Complaint to David M. Necaise, Plaintiff's At-
torney, whose address is P.O. Box 2036, Bay St. Louis,
MS 39521.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED
NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 4TH
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001, WHICH IS THE DATE OF
THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF
YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIV-
ERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE EN-
TERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER
RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Answer with the
Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after-
ward.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2
day of February, 2001
(SEAL)

By: Erica Candebat D.C.,
Deputy Clerk
Timothy A. Keller
Clerk of the Court

2/4, 2/11, 2/18/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ALICIA FAYRE, DECEASED
BY: RAE ANN NORMAND
ADMINISTRATRIX

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 2001-086
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ALICIA FAYRE,
DECEASED.

You have been made a Defendant in the estate filed in
this Court by Rae Ann Normand initiating a civil action
alleging that Rae Ann Normand and others named in the
complaint are the sole and only heirs at law of ALI-
CIA FAYRE, deceased, and seeking an adjudication of
such heirship.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the
complaint or petition filed against you in this action at
9:30 O'Clock A.M. on the 19th day of March, 2001, in
the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court
at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520
and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judg-
ment will be entered against you for the money or other
things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading
but you may do so if you desire.
You must also file the original of your response with the
Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after-
ward.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2
day of February, 2001
(SEAL)

Timothy Keller
Chancery Clerk
Bay St. Louis
Hancock County, MS 39520
By: Janet Ladner
Deputy Clerk
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DOWNTON PETER GUILLOT, SR., DECEASED
CYNTHIA GUILLOT, PETITIONER

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 2001-092
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DOWNTON
PETER GUILLOT, SR., DECEASED

You have been made a defendant in the suit filed in this
Court by Cynthia Guillot, Petitioner, seeking to estab-
lish the heirs at law of Dwight Peter Guillot, deceased.
Defendants in this action other than you are: Slavery
Lynn Guillot, Dwight Peter Guillot, Jr., Robin Colleen
Guillot, Destin Gage Guillot, and Derrick John Guillot.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the
complaint or petition filed against you in this action at
9:30 a.m. in the Chancery Court of the 20th day of
March, 2001 in the Chancery Court of Hancock County,
Mississippi, and in the event of your failure to appear
and defend a judgment will be entered against you for
the relief or other things demanded in the complaint or
petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other plead-
ing, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this
7th day of February 2001.
(SEAL)

Tim A. Keller, Chancery Clerk
By: Erica Candebat
Deputy Clerk
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2001

NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEAR-
ING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAVE-
LAND ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001, AT
THE CITY WAVELAND BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL
ANNEX, 307 COLEMAN AVENUE, WAVELAND, MIS-
SISSIPPI, AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW-
ING:

Rodney Carr requests a variance from the minimum lot
size requirement in order to create two parcels from a
parcel of land he owns located in the 700 Block of Boyd
Street and Zimmerman Lane.

Legal description is: Block 3, Lots 14 & 27 & E. 1/2 of
15 & 26, Waveland Gateway Subdivision, City of Wave-
land, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Daren and Tricia Lowery requests a variance of 4' from the
required side yard setback and 10' from the re-
quired rear yard setback in order to construct a detach-
ed garage located on their property located at
135 Hartline Drive.

Legal description is: Lots 4 & 5, Five Oaks Place, City
of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND AND
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.
For additional information phone 466-2549, between
the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through
Friday.

Christine Gallagher
Zoning Official
2/11, 2/15, 2/18/01

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2001-093
JOHN H. OSTRUM AND
ILLENE S. OSTRUM PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF OWANA HAM-
PTON FARLEY, ROBERT B. WINN, IF ALIVE OR
IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF
ROBERT B. WINN, AND MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, IF
ALIVE OR IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
AT LAW OF MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, AND ANY AND
ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTER-
EST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN
DEFENDANTS

(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF OWANA
HAMPTON FARLEY, ROBERT B. WINN, IF ALIVE OR
IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF
ROBERT B. WINN, MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, IF ALIVE
OR IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF
MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PER-
SONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUI-
TABLE INTEREST OR FIDELITY IN THE PROPERTY PRO-
PERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN, ALL OF WHOM
ARE NOT KNOWN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI, AND WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
IS UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND IN-
QUIRY, AND WHOSE PRESENT ADDRESS AND
RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT
SEARCH AND INQUIRY.

You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit
filed in this Court by JOHN H. OSTRUM AND ILLENE
S. OSTRUM Plaintiffs, whose address is 1740 Highway
2, East, Arkdale, WI 54613.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil ac-
tion alleging that John H. Ostrum and Ilene S. Ostrum
are the owners in fee simple of the property described
as follows, to-wit:

Lots 62 & 63, Square 220, Bayside Park Subdivi-
sion, Unit 3, Hancock County, Mississippi,
and seeking to confirm their title to said real property.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the
complaint or petition filed against you in the action at
9:30 O'Clock A.M. on the 21st day of March, 2001, in
the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court
at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520
and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judg-
ment will be entered against you for the money or other
things demanded in the complaint or petition.

Witness my signature and official seal this 9th day of
February, 2001
(SEAL)

LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
DEPUTY CLERK
TIMOTHY KELLAR
CLERK OF COURT
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/01

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANKOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PEARL B. BORDELON a/k/a
PEARLY B. BORDELON, DECEASED
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
2001-095

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANKOCK
Letters of Administration having been granted on the
8th day of Feb. 2001, by the Chancery Court of Han-
cock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the
Estate of Pearl B. Bordelon a/k/a Pearly B. Bordelon,
deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having
claims against said estate to present the same to the
Clerk of said Court for probate and registration accord-
ing to law within

Entertainment

Elvis making triumphant return to Mississippi Coast

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

In the mid-1950s, an up and coming singer named Elvis Presley visited the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He rented an apartment in Gulf Hills, invited his parents down, appeared in local clubs and romanced a local girl.

That girl, June Juanico, recalled in her book, "In the Twilight of Elvis," how Elvis loved the Mississippi Gulf Coast and how the people loved him, but respected his wish for some privacy.

The King of Rock and Roll has returned to the Gulf Coast in the body of Canadian Martin Fontaine. And, the Gulf Coast has once again given him a warm welcome.

"The Elvis Story," Fontaine's

King's life, exploring both his public on-stage image as well as the man's private side.

Cloutier and Pilote hired Quebec producer and artistic director, Mouffe, and the Elvis theme story began to come to life.

The next and most challenging piece of the puzzle was to find an individual capable not only of singing and dancing, but emulating the stage presence of Elvis. Originally, producers thought they might have to hire more than one individual to portray different times in the life of the singer.

That was until red-haired Martin Fontaine auditioned for the part in Montreal. Fontaine blew skeptics away with haunting renditions of Love Me

King's life, exploring both his public on-stage image as well as the man's private side.

"The Elvis Story" begins with the death of the King in Memphis in 1977 and flashes back to his childhood. The fast-paced show includes many film clips of Elvis with his mother and dad, Elvis when he first was discovered at Sun Records in Memphis, Elvis in the Army, in various movie roles and in his heyday in Las Vegas.

Fontaine takes the audience on a 90-minute roller-coaster ride without an intermission, and portrays Elvis from the time he was discovered at 18 until his untimely death at age 42.

He doesn't lip-synch. What you hear is live, all Fontaine. Makeup, Elvis wigs and dazzling costumes complete the illusion.

Fontaine is backed up by an equally talented chorus of six singers and three guitarists. The sets change with dazzling speed as Elvis enters another era of his life and the legend grows.

I was on hand for Fontaine's performance Feb. 8, and the excitement was electric. Long lines queued up to the ticket takers stationed at theatre doors. The crowd ran the gamut from young adults to grandmas. One Elvis impersonator was spotted in the crowd, sporting a gold lame cape and Elvis sideburns.

It took Fontaine one opening song to convince the audience they were in for a rare performance. Further into the act, excited girls screamed just as they did at Elvis concerts, and applause often broke out in the middle of songs.

By the end of the show, the transformation was complete. Fontaine sings a haunting version of "My Way" surrounded by swirling fog. Little old ladies and some, not so old, came to the end of the stage to shake his hand, and Fontaine, still singing, leans forward to shake their hand. He keeps the trade-



mark scarf around his neck. He leaves the stage to a standing ovation and thunderous applause.

"The Elvis Story" is the only tribute to the King sanctioned by Elvis Enterprises, which manages Graceland official Elvis memorabilia. As of this date, it has attracted more than 600,000 people to the show in Quebec.

The show has also had a major impact on Quebec City's tourist industry. Recent studies showed more than 79,000 hotel rooms were directly booked by people coming to see the show. Those same visitors spent almost \$14 million in restaurants, boutiques, shopping centers and other tourist attractions while visiting Quebec.

Grand officials in Biloxi are seeing an impact, too. They report the show sold more than 10,000 tickets at \$20 apiece in the first two weeks, and Elvis is boosting hotel occupancy, with \$79 packages that include two tickets to the concert.

The Biloxi version is also attracting Canadians to the Coast. A group of 40 have already seen the show, and more are expected to arrive.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through March 11. Tickets are \$19.95. For Reservations call: (800) WIN-2-WIN.

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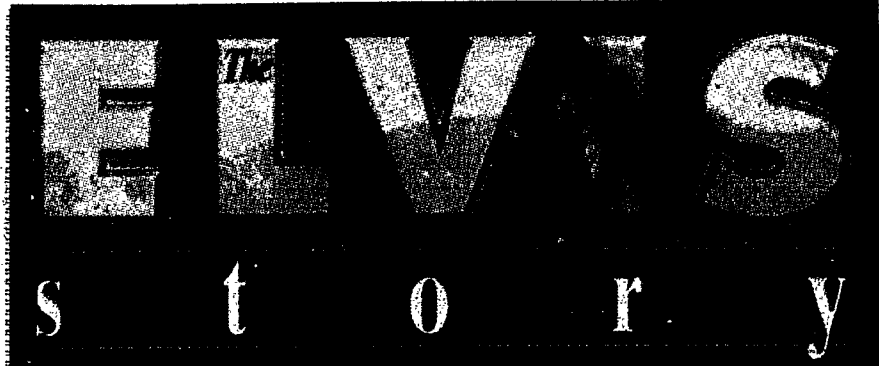
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tribute to the King, opened at Biloxi Grand Casino's Theatre Feb. 6, and the performance is already drawing record crowds. In fact, the show, which was originally scheduled to end Feb. 17, has been extended at least until March 11.

Fontaine is not your average Elvis impersonator. He is Elvis personified—right down to the lip curling, hip-churning expressions that made Elvis the most famous rock star of the twentieth century.

"The Elvis Story" has its roots in Quebec City in 1995. Guy Cloutier and Jean Pilote, co-owners of the theatre Le Capitole, had already produced a successful tribute to the Beatles. Cloutier, an avid Elvis fan, attended 25 of the King's concerts in Canada and the United States, and he was intrigued with creating a live musical production based on the

Tender and My Way. And, six years into the role, he still has audiences screaming for more each night at the Biloxi Grand.

He explains, "I feel I've come to understand Elvis on a very personal level. If I were just an impersonator, I wouldn't have been able to penetrate the exterior facade of Elvis...I interpret, rather than imitate his music, which enables me to capture the feeling and the frenzy that he creates. It is this emotion and authentic portrayal of Elvis that pervades the entire show, said Fontaine.

"When we first began rehearsals for the show, I used to spend upwards of 15 hours a day singing, dancing and practicing the man's amazing body movements," said Fontaine. "I relied mostly on film and concert clips and would scrutinize his every move as well as his facial expressions...I finally

Sailing classes

The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum is offering sailing classes aboard their 65-ft.-Biloxi Schooner's Glenn L. Swetman and Mike Sekul.

The classes will begin Sat., March 3 and will meet each Saturday for three hours, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a total of five sessions. The cost is \$125 for non-members, and \$100 for museum members, ages 12 years and older.

All classes will meet on the schooner. The schooner is located at Pt. Cadet Marina, Pier 1, directly behind the Isle of Capri Hotel, Hwy. 90 East, Biloxi.

For more details and to sign up, call the museum at 228-435-6320.

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